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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1997 No. 961**

**RATING AND VALUATION**

**The British Gas plc (Rateable Values) (Amendment) Order 1997**

*Made* - - - - *17th March 1997*

*Coming into force* - - *1st April 1997*

The Secretary of State for the Environment, as respects England, and the Secretary of State for Wales, as respects Wales, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 140 and 143(1) of and paragraph 3(2) of Schedule 6 to the Local Government Finance Act 1988(1), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Order, a draft of which has been laid before and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament:

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the British Gas plc (Rateable Values) (Amendment) Order 1997 and shall come into force on 1st April 1997.

**Amendment of standard formula**

2. In article 2 (interpretation) of the British Gas plc (Rateable Values) Order 1994(2), in the definition of “the standard formula”, for paragraph (a) there is substituted—

“(a) T in respect of English gas hereditaments is £385,689,700 and in respect of Welsh gas hereditaments is £26,472,700;”.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

17th March 1997

*David Curry*  
Minister of State,  
Department of the Environment

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(1) 1988 c. 41. Section 143 is amended by paragraph 72 of Schedule 5 to the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (c. 42). Paragraph 3(2) of Schedule 6 is amended by paragraph 38(13) of Schedule 5 to the 1989 Act. See section 146(6) of the 1988 Act for the definition of ‘prescribed’.

(2) S.I. 1994/3283, modified by S.I. 1997/224.

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**Status:** This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.

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Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

17th March 1997

*Gwilym Jones*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Welsh  
Office

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

Gas hereditaments occupied (or, if unoccupied, owned) by British Gas plc (“British Gas”) are required to be shown in the central rating lists compiled on 1st April 1995 by virtue of the Central Rating Lists Regulations 1994 (S.I.1994/3121). The rateable value of those hereditaments is determined in accordance with the British Gas plc (Rateable Values) Order 1994. Different rateable values apply for hereditaments in England and for hereditaments in Wales, and the amount is adjusted from year to year by reference to changes in the length of certain pipe-lines.

By virtue of this Order, with effect from 1st April 1997 the amount of rateable value of gas hereditaments occupied or owned by British Gas by reference to which the adjustment formula is applied is reduced, the formula for adjustment remaining otherwise unchanged.