
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2012 No. 3018

**ELECTRICITY
GAS**

**The Electricity and Gas (Energy
Companies Obligation) Order 2012**

Made - - - - 4th December 2012

Coming into force in accordance with article 1

The Secretary of State makes this Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 33BC and 33BD of the Gas Act 1986(1), section 41A and 41B of the Electricity Act 1989(2), section 103 and 103A of the Utilities Act 2000(3).

The Secretary of State has consulted the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority, the National Consumer Council(4), electricity generators, electricity distributors, electricity suppliers, gas transporters, gas suppliers and such other persons as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.

A draft of this instrument has been approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament pursuant to section 33BC(12) and 33BD(4) of the Gas Act 1986, section 41A(12) and 41B(4) of the Electricity Act 1989 and section 103(5) and 103A(6) of the Utilities Act 2000.

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- (1) 1986 c.44. Section 33BC was inserted (as section 33BB) by section 10(1) of, and Schedule 3, paragraph 36 to, the Gas Act 1995 (c.45). Section 33BB was substituted for (and renumbered as) section 33BC by section 99 of the Utilities Act 2000 (c.27). This section was also amended by sections 15 and 17 of, and paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Schedule to, the Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Act 2006 (c.19) and section 79 of, and paragraph 1 of Schedule 8 to, the Climate Change Act 2008 (c.27). Section 66 of the Energy Act 2011 (c.16) also amends this section. Section 33BD was inserted by section 68 of the Energy Act 2011.
- (2) 1989 c.29. Section 41A was substituted for section 41 by section 70 of the Utilities Act 2000 (c.27) and amended by sections 16 and 17 of, and paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Schedule to, the Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Act 2006 (c.19) and section 79 of, and paragraphs 2 to 5 of Schedule 8 to, the Climate Change Act 2008 (c.27). Section 67 of the Energy Act 2011 (c.16) also amends this section. Section 41B was inserted by section 69 of the Energy Act 2011.
- (3) 2000 c.27. This section was amended by section 17 of, and paragraph 7 to, the Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Act 2006 (c.19) and section 79 of, and paragraph 6 of Schedule 8 to, the Climate Change Act 2008 (c.27). This section has also been amended by section 72 of, and paragraph 7 and 8 to the Schedule, the Energy Act 2011 (c.16). Section 103A was inserted by section 70 of the Energy Act 2011.
- (4) The National Consumer Council replaced the Gas and Electricity Consumer Council, see section 30 of the Consumer, Estate Agents and Redress Act 2007 (c.17).