

*These notes refer to the Utilities Act 2000 (c.27)
which received Royal Assent on 28th July 2000*

UTILITIES ACT 2000

EXPLANATORY NOTES

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND

Wider social and environmental objectives

- a duty on the Authority, in the exercise of its statutory functions, to have regard to guidance issued by the Secretary of State on the social and environmental objectives relevant to the gas and electricity sector;
- new powers for the Secretary of State to make regulations to promote energy efficiency, the generation of electricity from renewable sources, and to provide for a cross-subsidy for the benefit of disadvantaged consumers;