
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2018 No. 1183

The Electricity and Gas (Energy
Company Obligation) Order 2018

PART 4

Achievement of obligations

Achievement of home-heating cost reduction obligation

11.—(1) A participant must achieve its total home-heating cost reduction obligation by no later than 31st March 2022.

(2) Subject to article 12, a participant must achieve its total home-heating cost reduction obligation by promoting qualifying actions.

(3) In meeting its total home-heating cost reduction obligation—

- (a) the participant must promote sufficient solid wall actions to meet or exceed its total solid wall minimum requirement; and
- (b) at least 15% of the participant’s total home-heating cost reduction obligation must be achieved by promoting qualifying actions that—
 - (i) are installed at domestic premises located in a rural area; and
 - (ii) are not the installation of equipment for the generation of heat wholly or partly from oil.

(4) For the purposes of this Order, a participant’s total solid wall minimum requirement is, subject to article 35, the sum of the solid wall minimum requirements which have been determined for the participant under article 6 (and is the amount of the participant’s total home-heating cost reduction obligation, as a minimum, which is to be achieved by promoting solid wall actions).

(5) In this article—

“rural area” means—

- (a) in respect of an area in England and Wales, an area classified as rural in the “2011 rural-urban classification of output areas” published by the Office for National Statistics in August 2013(1);
- (b) in respect of an area in Scotland, an area classified as rural in the “Scottish Government Urban Rural Classification 2016” published by the Scottish Government in March 2018(2);

“solid wall action” means a qualifying action that is—

(1) Copies can be accessed at <https://ons.maps.arcgis.com/home/item.html?id=3ce248e9651f4dc094f84a4c5de18655>. A copy can be inspected by contacting the Energy Company Obligation Team at the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, 1 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0ET.

(2) Copies can be accessed at <http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2018/03/6040>. A copy can be inspected by contacting the Energy Company Obligation Team at the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, 1 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0ET.

- (a) the installation of solid wall insulation to at least 50%, by area, of the exterior facing solid walls of uninsulated solid wall premises; or
- (b) a solid wall alternative measure installed at uninsulated solid wall premises that achieves at least the same amount of cost savings as would have been achieved by the installation of solid wall insulation at the premises, those cost savings to be calculated—
 - (i) in accordance with a methodology published by the Administrator under article 33;
 - (ii) disregarding any solid wall insulation already installed at the premises; and
 - (iii) as if the solid wall insulation is installed to at least 95%, by area, of the exterior facing solid walls of the premises;

“solid wall alternative measure” means a qualifying action that—

- (a) is—
 - (i) installed to improve the insulating properties of domestic premises;
 - (ii) the installation of heating controls;
 - (iii) the installation, but not the repair, of a renewable heating measure; or
 - (iv) a connection to a district heating system that delivers heat generated wholly or partly by means of a source of energy or technology mentioned in section 100(4) of the Energy Act 2008; and
- (b) is not the installation of solid wall insulation to at least 50%, by area, of the exterior facing solid walls of domestic premises;

“uninsulated solid wall premises” means, in relation to premises at which a qualifying action is installed, domestic premises—

- (a) with at least one exterior facing wall, where—
 - (i) at least 50%, by area, of the exterior facing walls are solid walls; and
 - (ii) before the installation of the qualifying action takes place, at least 50%, by area, of the exterior facing solid walls do not have internal or external insulation; and
- (b) which are not a mobile home.