Gas Act 1980

1980 CHAPTER 37

An Act to provide that the supply of gas to any premises at an annual rate in excess of 25,000 therms shall be subject to the special agreement of the British Gas Corporation and that charges for therms supplied to any premises in excess of 25,000 therms a year may be fixed by the Corporation under section 25(3) of the Gas Act 1972 without regard to the requirements of section 24(1) or 25(5) of that Act. [30th June 1980]

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Supply of gas to any premises in excess of 25,000 therms a year to be subject to special agreement of British Gas Corporation or liable to special rates of charge.

1972 c. 60.

1.—(1) The general obligation of the British Gas Corporation under paragraph 2 of Schedule 4 to the Gas Act 1972 to supply gas on demand shall not extend to requiring the Corporation to supply gas to any premises in any period of twelve months beginning after the passing of this Act in excess of 25,000 therms.

(2) Section 25(5) of that Act shall not apply in relation to tariffs fixed by the Corporation under subsection (3) of that section with respect to the prices to be charged for therms supplied to any premises in excess of 25,000 therms in any such period of twelve months; and nothing in section 24(1) of that Act shall be construed as affecting the power of the Corporation to fix such tariffs as they think fit with respect to the prices to be charged for therms so supplied.

(3) The power of the Corporation under section 25(6) of that Act to enter into a special agreement with any consumer which provides for a minimum supply of gas to any premises in excess of 25,000 therms in any such period of twelve months shall not be subject to the proviso to that subsection (which restricts the Corporation's power to enter into a special agreement to cases where the tariffs in force are not appropriate owing to special circumstances).

(4) Section 13 of the Energy Act 1976 (which is superseded by this section) shall cease to have effect. 1976 c. 76.

Citation and extent.

2.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Gas Act 1980.

(2) This Act does not extend to Northern Ireland.