EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of these regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These regulations provide for the continuation until 31st March, 1951, of schemes in force immediately before 1st May, 1949, which enable persons employed by undertakers to whom Part II of the Gas Act, 1948, applies, other than undertakers to whom sec. 18 of that Act applies, to participate in the profits of the undertaking concerned.

Payments by way of participation will amount to a sum in each year equal to the average of payments in the last three complete years before 1st May, 1949 (the vesting date), or to the payment in the last of those years for which a payment was made, whichever is the greater. In addition, the Area Board concerned is to make a payment in respect of the last complete year before the vesting date in any case where such a payment would have been made but for the vesting date supervening.

No new members are to be admitted after the vesting date, other than employees who had already acquired a prospective right to admission on the fulfilment of a condition which is not fulfilled until after that date; members are not to lose their membership rights by reason of involuntary transfer to other employment under the same Board.

Persons concerned with the management of a scheme, who were appointed by the undertaker in his capacity as employer, cease to hold office six months after the coming into operation of the regulations, unless confirmed in their appointment by the Area Board concerned.

Questions arising as to the application of the regulations to any scheme may be referred, by the Area Board concerned or by the managers of the scheme, to arbitration under the Act.

(iii) DECLARATION OF CALORIFIC VALUE

The Gas (Declaration of Calorific Value) Regulations, 1949

1949 No. 788

Made - - - -	*22nd April*, 1949
Laid before Parliament	*25th April*, 1949
Coming into Operation	*1st May*, 1949

The Minister of Fuel and Power (in these regulations referred to as "the Minister"), in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section fifty-three of the Gas Act, 1948,(a) and of all other powers him enabling, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Calculation of charges for therms supplied.

1. Where any Area Board charges for gas supplied by them according to the number of therms supplied, the number supplied to any consumer shall be ascertained by multiplying the number of cubic feet of gas registered by the consumer's meter by the number of British thermal units in the declared calorific value of the gas and dividing the product by one hundred thousand.

(a) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 67.

Original declarations of calorific value.

2.—(1) Where immediately before the vesting date charges for gas supplied from any gasworks were being made by some method other than according to the number of therms supplied and the Area Board propose to charge for gas therefrom according to the number of therms supplied, the Board shall declare the calorific value of the gas to be supplied from that gasworks on and after the date at which the declaration is to take effect generally, by notice given at least three months before that date,—

(*a*) in the case of the Scottish Gas Board, in the Edinburgh Gazette, and, in all other cases, in the London Gazette; and

(*b*) in one or more local newspapers whose circulation areas cover the area of supply of that gasworks.

(2) A copy of the said notice shall be sent to the Minister, the Consultative Council for the area of the Area Board concerned and every consumer supplied with any such gas.

(3) A declaration of calorific value as aforesaid shall take effect, for the purpose of calculating the charge to be made for gas supplied to any consumer, immediately after the first reading of that consumer's meter after the date at which the declaration takes effect generally.

Alterations in declared calorific value.

3.—(1) In any case where an Area Board propose to alter the declared calorific value of gas supplied from any gasworks they shall declare the calorific value of the gas to be supplied from that gasworks on and after the date at which the declaration is to take effect, which shall be, unless the Minister consents in writing to any other date, the first day of January, the first day of April, the first day of July or the first day of October in any year, by notice given at least one month previously,—

(*a*) in the case of the Scottish Gas Board, in the Edinburgh Gazette, and, in all other cases, in the London Gazette; and

(*b*) in one or more local newspapers whose circulation areas cover the area of supply of that gasworks.

(2) A copy of the said notice shall be sent to the Minister and the Consultative Council for the area of the Area Board concerned.

(3) Where any alteration in the declared calorific value as aforesaid occurs in the course of any period for which charges for any such gas are made to any consumer, charges to him shall be calculated in respect of that period in the manner prescribed in regulation one on the basis—

(*a*) if the alteration increases the calorific value, of the declared calorific value in force immediately before such alteration;

(*b*) if the alteration decreases the calorific value, of the declared calorific value as so altered.

Interpretation.

4. The Interpretation Act, 1889,(a) shall apply to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Commencement and citation.

5. These regulations shall come into operation on the first day of May, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, and may be cited as the Gas (Declaration of Calorific Value) Regulations, 1949.

Dated this twenty-second day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-nine.

Hugh Gaitskell,
Minister of Fuel and Power.

(a) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of these regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These regulations—

(*a*) prescribe the manner in which the number of therms supplied to any consumer is to be calculated (reg. 1);

(*b*) make provision as to the time when, and the manner in which, an original declaration of calorific value, and any alteration in calorific value, of gas supplied by Area Boards is to be declared and is to be brought to the notice of consumers and Consultative Councils and as to the time when any such declaration is to take effect (regs. 2 and 3); and

(*c*) provide for the adjustment of charges for gas in cases where an alteration in the declared calorific value occurs in the course of a period for which such charges are made (reg. 3).

(iv) FINANCIAL YEARS

The Gas (Financial Years) Regulations, 1949

1949 No. 743

Made - - - -	13*th April*, 1949
Laid before Parliament	20*th April*, 1949
Coming into Operation	1*st May*, 1949

The Minister of Fuel and Power in pursuance of subsection (1) of section seventy-four of the Gas Act, 1948,(a) hereby makes the following regulations:—

1. The day on which the financial years of each Area Board and the Gas Council shall end shall be the thirty-first day of March.

2. These regulations shall come into operation on the first day of May, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, and may be cited as the Gas (Financial Years) Regulations, 1949.

Dated this thirteenth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-nine.

Hugh Gaitskell,
Minister of Fuel and Power.

(a) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 67.