POLICY NOTE

THE NON-DOMESTIC RATING (VALUATION OF UTILITIES) (SCOTLAND) AMENDMENT ORDER 2022

SSI 2022/37

The above instrument is made in exercise of the powers conferred on the Scottish Ministers by sections 6A(1)(aa) and 6A(1B) of the Valuation and Rating (Scotland) Act 1956 and all other enabling powers. The instrument is subject to the negative procedure.

The Order amends The Non-Domestic Rating (Valuation of Utilities) (Scotland) Order 2005 ("the principal Order") to update references to the name of a gas company included in the Order and to the names of some companies that are to be regarded as fixed line telecommunications operators. As a result of the inclusion of the companies in the Order, the lands and heritages occupied by them are entered in a single valuation roll, rather than local rolls.

Policy Objectives

The purpose of this instrument is to update the names of certain companies referred to in the principal Order.

It updates the name of one company at article 4 (gas) of the principal Order.

It also updates the list of companies regarded as "fixed line operators" as a result of being listed at r article 7A(2) (fixed line telecommunications) of the principal Order, to relfect changes in the names of those companies. The following changes are made:

- the name Centurylink Communications UK Limited is replaced with the name Lumen Technologies UK Limited (company registration number 02495998);
- the name SSE Telecommunications Limited is replaced with the name NEOS Networks Limited (company registration number SC213457);
- the name NEOS Networks Limited, in relation to the company with the registration number 03477297, is replaced with the name NNXYZ Limited.

The names of companies can change and these changes need to be shown in the 2005 Order to allow designated assessors to treat the lands and heritages held by relevant companies as a single entry in the valuation roll for a single, designated area, despite being situated in areas covered by different rolls.

Consultation

There is a statutory requirement to consult on this Order. Scottish Assessors and COSLA were consulted during drafting of the Order and are content with the changes it makes to the 2005 Order.

Impact Assessments

No Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment is required because this instrument will not impose new regulatory burdens on businesses, charities or the voluntary sector.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications resulting from this instrument.

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