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ACTS REFERRED TO

Electricity Regulation Act 1999 (No. 23)

Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 (No. 39)



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An Act to make provision, due to the exceptional rise in global energy prices, for the establishment of a scheme to be known as the Electricity Costs Emergency Benefit Scheme for the purpose of making, on a once-off basis, an electricity costs emergency benefit payment in the year ending 31 December 2022 in respect of domestic electricity accounts in accordance with this Act out of resources available to the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications; for that purpose to confer functions on the distribution system operator and electricity suppliers; to confer functions on the Commission for Regulation of Utilities in relation to the Scheme and for that purpose to amend the Electricity Regulation Act 1999; to provide that electricity costs emergency benefit payments are exempt from income tax and for that purpose to amend the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997; to enable the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to make regulations in relation to the operation of the Scheme; and to provide for related matters. [4th March, 2022]

Be it enacted by the Oireachtas as follows:

Definitions

1. In this Act—

“Act of 1999” means the Electricity Regulation Act 1999;

“Commission” means the Commission for Regulation of Utilities;

“distribution system operator” means the holder of a licence granted under section 14(1)(g) of the Act of 1999;

“domestic electricity account” means an electricity account in respect of which a meter point registration number has been assigned and which—

- (a) is held by a final customer with an electricity supplier, and
- (b) is identified by the distribution system operator as being subject to distribution use of system charges at the rate for urban domestic customers (DG1) or the rate for rural domestic customers (DG2) set out in the publication known as the “ESB Networks Schedule of Distribution Use of System Charges” approved by the Commission and for the time being in place;

“effective date” has the meaning given to it by *section 4(1)(e)*;