STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2013 No. 24

GAS

The Gas (Applications for Licences and Extensions) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013

Made - - - - 7th February 2013

Coming into operation 11th March 2013

The Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment(**1**) makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 8(3) of the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996(**2**).

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Gas (Applications for Licences and Extensions) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013 and come into operation on 11th March 2013.

Amendment of the Gas (Applications for Licences and Extensions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996

2.—(1) The Gas (Applications for Licences and Extensions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(**3**) are amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (8).

(2) In regulation 5(b) (lodgement of applications)—

(a) omit "to the Department or"; and

(b) for "the Director at his principal office" substitute "the Authority at its principal office".

(3) In regulation 6 (manner of publishing applications)—

(a) in paragraph (2)—

(i) omit "the offices of the Department or" and ", as the case may be,"; and

(ii) for "the Director" substitute "the Authority".

(b) in paragraph (3)—

(i) omit "to the Department or" and ", as appropriate"; and

(**1**) The Department of Economic Development was renamed the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment by Article 3(5) of the Departments (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/283 (N.I.1))

(**2**) S.I. 1996/275 (N.I.2), there are no relevant amendments

(**3**) S.R. 1996 No. 447, as amended by S.R. 2010 No. 326

(ii) for "the Director at his principal office" substitute "the Authority at its principal office".

(4) In regulation 7 (fees payable with applications)—

(a) in paragraph (1) for "£800" substitute "£2000";

(b) in paragraph (2) for "£500" substitute "£2000";

(c) in paragraph (3) for "£500" substitute "£750";

(d) in paragraph (4) for "£200" substitute "£300".

(5) In Schedule 1 (form of application) in paragraph 4 omit "resident".

(6) In Part 1 of Schedule 2 (documents and other particulars to accompany an application for a gas conveyance licence or extension), in paragraph 17 (interpretation)—

(a) omit the definition of "the 1986 Order";

(b) at the appropriate place insert—

""the 2006 Act" means the Companies Act 2006;"(**4**);

(c) in the definition of "annual accounts" for "Article 270 of the 1986 Order" substitute "section 471 of the 2006 Act";

(d) in the definition of "auditors' report" for "Article 243 of the 1986 Order" substitute "section 495 of the 2006 Act";

(e) for the definition of "company" substitute—

""company" has the meaning given by section 1 of the 2006 Act;";

(f) in the definition of "group" for "Article 270 of the 1986 Order" substitute "section 474(1) of the 2006 Act";

(g) for the definition of "group accounts" substitute—

""group accounts" means such accounts as are required to be prepared by section 399 of the 2006 Act;";

(h) in the definitions of "parent undertaking" and "subsidiary undertaking" for "Article 266 of the 1986 Order" substitute "section 1162 of the 2006 Act".

(7) In Part II of Schedule 2 (documents and other particulars to accompany an application for a gas storage licence or extension), in paragraph 13 (interpretation)—

(a) omit the definition of "the 1986 Order";

(b) at the appropriate place insert—

""the 2006 Act" means the Companies Act 2006;";

(c) in the definition of "annual accounts" for "Article 270 of the 1986 Order" substitute "section 471 of the 2006 Act";

(d) in the definition of "auditors' report" for "Article 243 of the 1986 Order" substitute "section 495 of the 2006 Act";

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""company" has the meaning given by section 1 of the 2006 Act;";

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(**4**) 2006 c.46