

<i>British Corn</i>	<i>Average price in pounds per Tonne</i>	
Wheat	£82.28	
Barley	£63.30	
Oats	£0.00	(2003/121)



Gas

Notice of application for gas shippers' licence under section 7A(2) of the Gas Act 1986

N.V. Nederlandse Gasunie whose principal office is situated in Groningen, The Netherlands, hereby gives notice that it has made an application to the Director General of Gas Supply for a gas shipper licence under section 7A(2) of the Gas Act 1986 authorising the licensee to arrange with any public gas transporter for gas to be introduced into, conveyed by means of, or taken out of a pipeline system operated by that transporter.

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OFFICE OF GAS AND ELECTRICITY MARKETS NOTICE OF PROPOSAL TO GRANT AN EXTENSION TO A PUBLIC GAS TRANSPORTERS LICENCE

1. The Director General of Gas Supply, pursuant to section 7(5) of the Gas Act 1986, hereby gives notice that he proposes to grant a licence under that section to British Gas Connections, whose registered office is situated at Charter Court, 50 Windsor Road, Slough, Berkshire, SL1 2HA.

The extension, if awarded, will authorise the above-named to convey gas through pipes to any premises in the areas briefly described below and shown on maps previously submitted to the Director General.

AREAS

Quarriers Sch, Bridge of Weir, Inverclyde, Scotland.

Copies of these maps are available for inspection at the Office of Gas Supply at the address shown below.

2. The Director General is of the opinion that the above-named applicant intends to carry on the activities which may be authorised by its licence under section 7 of the Act in the areas named, and that the granting of the licence will be calculated (a) to secure that reasonable demands for gas in Great Britain are met, and

(b) to secure effective competition in the supply of gas conveyed through pipes.

3. Any representations or objections with respect to the proposed extensions may be made in writing and delivered to R. Legg, Office of Gas Supply, 16 Palace Street, London, SW1E 5JD, no later than 23rd August 2000.

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Electricity

ELECTRICITY ACT 1989

The Secretary of State for Trade and Industry has made modifications to licences granted under section 6 of the Electricity Act 1989 ("the Act") under a new power conferred upon him by Section 15A of the Act which has been inserted by the Utilities Act 2000. A summary of the proposals is set out below.

The modification to the transmission licence held by the National Grid Company PLC (NGC)

- prohibits NGC from purchasing electricity for the purpose of sale except pursuant to the procurement or use of balancing services or with the consent of the Director,
- requires it to adopt and at all times have in force a Balancing and Settlement Code ("the Code") under which parties to it may make and NGC may accept offers and bids to increase or decrease the quantities of electricity delivered to or taken off the electricity system; for settling the financial obligations arising from acceptance of such offers and bids; for determining and allocating the quantities of electricity delivered to and taken off the system; and for setting and determining the financial obligations in relation to such quantities,
- requires the Code to contain procedures for its own modification, and provisions for information to be made public,
- requires NGC to operate its transmission system in an efficient, economic and co-ordinated manner; not to discriminate in its use of balancing services; to publish a statement of the kinds of balancing services it may be interested in purchasing; to report on the balancing services it has acquired; to publish and take all reasonable steps to comply with the principles which determine which balancing services it will use and when it will resort to measures not involving their use; to report on its compliance with these principles; to publish (in certain circumstances) a methodology showing what costs and volumes of certain balancing services are taken into account in determining charges payable under the Code, and for certain of this information to be made public,
- empowers certain changes to the Grid Code.

Modifications have been made to all licences granted under section 6 of the Act

- requiring the licensee to comply with the Code and enter into a contract so as to become a party to it,
- requiring the licensee to comply with a programme implementation scheme (which requires each licensee to take the steps appropriate to give full and timely effect to these modifications, including by modifying other core industry documents), which scheme the Secretary of State is empowered to modify,
- requiring the licensee to take all reasonable measures to implement changes to core industry documents in consequence of any changes to the Code,
- requiring the licensee to continue to be party to the Pooling and Settlement Agreement until (in effect) it is replaced by the Code,
- so that most of the new Conditions do not have effect until brought into effect by the Secretary of State,
- whereby certain provisions (dealing with, in particular, the generation security standard, trading under the Pooling and Settlement Agreement and definitions and, in the case of NGC, the economic purchasing or ancillary services) cease to have effect on the direction of the Secretary of State.

Certain other conditions have minor modifications which make them fit in with the new trading arrangements.

These modifications have been made in order to implement the new arrangements for trading electricity in England and Wales. The full text of the modifications, together with an explanation of the reasons for making them, was published by the Department of Trade and Industry and Ofgem as to part in June in a document entitled "The New Electricity Trading Arrangements: Proposed Licence Conditions - Ofgem/DTI Conclusions Paper" and as to the remainder in July in a document entitled "The New Electricity Trading Arrangements: Proposed Licence Conditions - Ofgem/DTI Further Conclusions". Copies of these documents may be obtained free of charge from the Ofgem website (www.ofgem.gov.uk) or from the Ofgem distribution centre (telephone: 0116 277 2617, e-mail: distribution@ofgem.gov.uk).

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