

Energy Bill [HL]

AMENDMENTS TO BE MOVED ON REPORT

Clause 1

BARONESS LIDDELL OF COATDYKE
LORD FOULKES OF CUMNOCK

Clause 1, page 2, line 7, at end insert –

“(d) assist the delivery of greenhouse gas emission targets as set out in the Climate Change Act 2008, including any carbon budgets set under that Act and climate targets specified in subsection (8).”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment places an equivalent principal duty on the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority to assist in the delivery of Net Zero, alongside protecting the interests of current and future transport and storage network users. This would enable Ofgem to better justify and evidence decisions enabling strategic anticipatory investment.

Clause 2

BARONESS LIDDELL OF COATDYKE
LORD FOULKES OF CUMNOCK

Clause 2, page 3, line 30, leave out “a licence” and insert “an economic licence issued pursuant to subsection (2) or a licence issued by another competent authority.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment ensures consistency with the existing regulatory regime, namely the Storage of Carbon Dioxide (Licensing etc.) Regulations 2010, which provides for the granting of geological storage licences by the Oil and Gas Authority (now the North Sea Transition Authority). This amendment would enable private operators to develop merchant models to transport and store carbon dioxide in the longer-term.

After Clause 116

LORD TEVERSON

After Clause 116, insert the following new Clause –

“Finance

- (1) The ISOP is to be financed directly by a fee levied on those in the energy industry that are licensed by Ofgem.
- (2) The amount of the levy must cover the costs of the ISOP on an annual basis.
- (3) It is obligatory for those licensed by Ofgem to pay the annual levy to the ISOP.
- (4) There must be an independent audit board to oversee and assess the annual levy and report its opinion to the ISOP and the Secretary of State.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment ensures that the ISOP is properly financed and maintains a sufficient degree of independence from the Government and regulators.

Clause 164

LORD WHITTY

Clause 164, page 134, line 4, at end insert –

- “(A1) Within six months of the day on which this Act is passed the Secretary of State must place before each House of Parliament a strategy for a significant increase in the provision of electricity storage facilities to enhance the resilience and flexibility of electricity supply.
- (B1) This strategy must cover all forms of electricity storage, including battery, hydrogen, ammonia, adiabatic compressed air energy storage systems, and hydroelectric storage; and cover potential licensing, planning, regulation, subsidy and taxation considerations.”

Member's explanatory statement

A future electricity network based largely on renewable sources of generation will require significantly increased storage capacity – which could be based on multiple technologies and is likely to require some form of government support in its development. This amendment would ensure that this dimension is considered and reported to parliament.

After Clause 166

LORD WHITTY

After Clause 166, insert the following new Clause –

“Introduction of social tariff for vulnerable consumers

- (1) Within six months of the day on which this Act is passed the Secretary of State must lay a plan before Parliament to introduce a social tariff for vulnerable energy consumers.
- (2) The Secretary of State may by notice in writing require the GEMA to introduce a social tariff for energy to be available to vulnerable energy consumers.
- (3) The social tariff must be –
 - (a) additional to the Warm Home Discount Scheme and Default Tariff Cap,
 - (b) mandatory for all licensed retail electricity and gas suppliers,
 - (c) targeted at households that are in or at risk of fuel poverty,
 - (d) set at a level below the market price, and
 - (e) offered automatically to all eligible households.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment requires the Secretary of State and the Regulator to produce a plan for the introduction of a mandatory Social Tariff for vulnerable consumers and present it to Parliament.

Clause 168

LORD WHITTY

Clause 168, page 140, line 1, at end insert –

- “(1A) The prime objective of the Regulator in relation to heat networks is to ensure that the consumers of heat networks are treated no less favourably than consumers of other energy suppliers and that they have equivalent consumer protection.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would make it clear that the Regulator needs to ensure that consumers of heat networks have equivalent consumer protection to those of other suppliers.

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