

Energy Bill [HL]

COMMONS REASON

[The page and line references are to Bill 295, the Bill as first printed for the Commons]

Clause 272

COMMONS AMENDMENT 274

274 Page 238, line 23, leave out Clause 272

LORDS AGREEMENT AND AMENDMENT INSTEAD OF WORDS LEFT OUT OF THE BILL

The Lords agree with the Commons in their Amendment 274 and propose Amendment 274B instead of the words so left out of the Bill –

274B After Clause 271, insert the following new Clause –

“Local supply for community energy

- (1) Within 18 months of this Act being passed the Secretary of State must consult and report on the barriers preventing the development of community energy schemes.
- (2) For the purposes of this section, community energy schemes are defined as low carbon and renewable energy schemes owned, or part-owned, by community organisations.
- (3) In carrying out the consultation, the Secretary of State must consult with –
 - (a) current and prospective community energy generators,
 - (b) the community energy industry,
 - (c) the electricity transmission and distribution industries,
 - (d) licensed energy suppliers, and
 - (e) any other persons deemed relevant by the Secretary of State.
- (4) Within six months of the closure of the consultation conducted under subsection (1), the Secretary of State must respond to the consultation and bring forward proposals to remove the barriers preventing the development of community energy schemes.”

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The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment 274B for the following Reason –

- 274C** *Because the Government has already committed to consulting on barriers to the development of community energy schemes and the Commons do not consider it appropriate to set a timeframe for bringing forward any proposals for the removal of such barriers.*

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