

# Offshore Petroleum Licensing Bill

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AMENDMENTS  
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**Clause 1**

LORD LENNIE

Clause 1, page 1, line 6, at end insert –

“(aa) the climate change test (see section 4ZD).”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment, together with the other in the name of Lord Lennie, sets out the climate change test to be applied by the Oil and Gas Authority before inviting applications for seaward new production licences.*

EARL RUSSELL

Clause 1, page 1, line 8, leave out “must” and insert “may”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment would allow the OGA to consider whether it should invite applications for a seaward area production licence even in the event that all tests are met.*

EARL RUSSELL

Clause 1, page 1, line 9, after “applications” insert “from companies that have publicly stated they will invest half of all profits derived from the granting of an application in the green UK economy.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment would mean that only companies that have publicly stated they will invest half of all profits derived from the winning of an application into the green economy can be invited to apply for a production licence.*

EARL RUSSELL

Clause 1, page 1, line 10, at end insert—

“(2A) The OGA must not invite or accept applications from Russian oil and gas companies.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment would mean that the OGA cannot invite nor accept an application for a seaward area production licence from a Russian oil and gas company.*

BARONESS BLAKE OF LEEDS

Clause 1, page 2, line 1, leave out “liquefied”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment, together with the other in the name of Baroness Blake of Leeds, would require the carbon intensity of domestic natural gas to be assessed against the carbon intensity of all natural gas imported into the UK.*

BARONESS BLAKE OF LEEDS

Clause 1, page 2, line 7, leave out “liquefied”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment, together with the other in the name of Baroness Blake of Leeds, would require the carbon intensity of domestic natural gas to be assessed against the carbon intensity of all natural gas imported into the UK.*

**Clause 2**

EARL RUSSELL

Clause 2, page 3, line 25, leave out “Scotland”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment would mean the Act does not extend to Scotland.*

EARL RUSSELL

Clause 2, page 3, line 26, leave out “at the end of the period of two months beginning with the day on which it is passed” and insert “on 1 September 2025”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment would change when the Act would come into force to 1 September 2025.*



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