

*These notes refer to the Energy Act 2011 (c.16)
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ENERGY ACT 2011

EXPLANATORY NOTES

ANNEX A:: GLOSSARY

CERT – Carbon Emissions Reduction Target. Following on from two three year phases of the Energy Efficiency Commitment CERT requires larger domestic energy suppliers to make savings in CO₂ emitted by householders by promoting the installation of low carbon energy solutions to consumers.

CESP – Community Energy Saving Programme. Requires gas and electricity suppliers and electricity generators to deliver energy saving measures to domestic consumers in specific low income areas of Great Britain.

DECC – Department of Energy and Climate Change.

ECHR – European Convention on Human Rights.

ECO – Energy Company Obligation. Will replace the existing energy company obligations (CERT and CESP) when they end in December 2012

EPC – Energy Performance Certificate. Introduced to help improve the energy efficiency of buildings, providing an ‘A’ to ‘G’ energy efficiency rating.

GEMA – the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority which is bestowed with powers and duties to regulate the gas and electricity markets.

OFT – Office of Fair Trading. UK's consumer and competition authority with an aim to make markets work well for consumers.

OFTO – Offshore transmission owners. There are currently three transmission owners.

UNC – Uniform Network Code. A legal document which forms the basis of the arrangements between companies that transport gas, and those whose gas it transports.