

Energy Act 2011

2011 CHAPTER 16

PART 1

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

CHAPTER 4

REDUCING CARBON EMISSIONS AND HOME-HEATING COSTS

69 Promotion of reductions in home-heating costs: electricity distributors and suppliers

After section 41A of the Electricity Act 1989 (promotion of reductions in carbon emissions: electricity generators, distributors and suppliers) insert—

"41B Promotion of reductions in home-heating costs: electricity distributors and electricity suppliers

(1) The Secretary of State may by order impose—

- (a) on each electricity distributor (or each electricity distributor of a specified description); and
- (b) on each electricity supplier (or each electricity supplier of a specified description),

an obligation to achieve, within a specified period and in accordance with the order, the home-heating cost reduction target to be determined by the Administrator under the order for that distributor or supplier (and that obligation is referred to in this section as a "home-heating cost reduction obligation").

(2) In this section—

(a) "the Administrator" means— (i) the Authority; or

- (ii) if the order so provides, the Secretary of State or a specified body other than the Authority;
- (b) "home-heating cost reduction target" means a target for the promotion of measures for reducing the cost to individuals of heating their homes;
- (c) "specified" means specified in the order.
- (3) The power to make orders under this section may be exercised so as to impose more than one home-heating cost reduction obligation on a person in relation to the same period or to periods that overlap to any extent.
- (4) Subsections (3), (5) to (8), (9A) and (10A) to (12B) of section 41A apply to an order under this section as they apply to an order under that section, with the following modifications—
 - (a) for "carbon emissions reduction obligation" (in each place) substitute "home-heating cost reduction obligation";
 - (b) for "carbon emissions reduction obligations" (in each place) substitute "home-heating cost reduction obligations";
 - (c) for "carbon emissions reduction target" (in each place other than in paragraph (be) of subsection (5)) substitute " home-heating cost reduction target ";
 - (d) for "carbon emissions reduction targets" (in each place) substitute " home-heating cost reduction targets"; and
 - (e) omit paragraph (a) of subsection (10A).
- (5) Subsections (4) and (9B) of section 41A apply to the carrying out by the Secretary of State and the Administrator of their respective functions under this section as they apply to the carrying out by those persons of their functions under that section.
- (6) No person shall be required by virtue of this section to provide any information which he could not be compelled to give in evidence in civil proceedings in the High Court or, in Scotland, the Court of Session."

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Energy Act 2011, Section 69.