SCHEDULE 2

AMENDMENTS TO GAS ACT 1986

- 4. In section 19D (acquisition of rights to use LNG facilities)—
 - (a) in subsection (1) for "The owner of an LNG facility" substitute "Subject to subsection (2A), the owner of an LNG import facility";
 - (b) in subsection (1)(a) for "at least once in every year" substitute "prior to their entry into force", and for "LNG" substitute "liquid gas";
 - (c) subsection (2) shall cease to have effect;
 - (d) after subsection (2) insert—

"(2A) The cost or the method of determining the cost of acquiring the right to have liquid gas treated in a relevant facility and any changes thereto must be approved by the Authority prior to their publication; and such approval may be given on condition that certain modifications are made to the cost or methodology.

(2B) Before the owner of a relevant facility seeks approval under subsection (2A) he must carry out such consultation as the Authority may require.";

- (e) in subsections (3) and (4) for "LNG" substitute "liquid gas";
- (f) in subsection (6) paragraph (a) shall cease to have effect;
- (g) in subsection (6)(b) and (c) for "LNG" substitute "liquid gas";
- (h) for subsection (7) substitute—

"(7) The owner shall notify the applicant of his decision giving reasons for any refusal.";

- (i) in subsection (8) for the words "and the applicant do not reach any such agreement" substitute "refuses the application";
- (j) subsection (9) shall cease to have effect;
- (k) in subsection (10) for the words from "Where" to "shall—" substitute "Where a person applies to the Authority under subsection (8), the Authority shall—";
- (l) for subsection (10)(a) substitute—
 - "(a) decide whether to give directions under subsection (11), to consider the application further or to reject the application";
- (m) for subsection (10)(c) substitute—
 - "(c) in the case of a decision that the application is to be considered further—
 - (i) give to the owner of the facility, the Health and Safety Executive and any person who has a right to have liquid gas treated in the facility notice that the application is to be so considered and an opportunity of being heard about the matter; and
 - (ii) after so considering the matter, decide whether to give directions under subsection (11) or to reject the application and give notice of its decision to the applicant."
- (n) in subsection (11) for "LNG", in each place where it occurs, substitute "liquid gas";
- (o) in subsection (12)(a)(i)—
 - (i) omit the words "for the period specified in the directions"; and
 - (ii) for "LNG" substitute "liquid gas";
- (p) in subsection (12)(a)(iii) for "LNG" substitute "liquid gas"; and

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(q) in subsection (12)(a)(iv) omit the words from "(which" to the end.