

EU Energy Policy 2030: Friend Or Foe To Energy Investment?

SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATION TO DATE

UK Acts of Parliament on Energy

Name of Act	Session	Date of Royal Assent	Brief Summary of the Act
Atomic Energy	1988/89	25/05/1989	The Act altered the financial limit imposed by section 2(1) of the Nuclear Industry (Finance) Act 1977 in relation to British Nuclear Fuels plc. It also made provision with respect to the recovery of certain expenses by the Health and Safety Executive; amended sections 18 and 19 of the Nuclear Installations Act 1965; and made provision in connection with the Convention on Assistance in the case of a Nuclear Accident or Radiological Emergency.
Electricity	1988/89	27/07/1989	The Act made provision: for the appointment and functions of a Director General of Electricity Supply and of consumers' committees for the electricity supply industry; with respect to the supply of electricity through electric lines and the generation and transmission of electricity for such supply; to abolish the Electricity Consumers' Council and the Consultative Councils established under the Electricity Act 1947; for the vesting of the property, rights and liabilities of the Electricity Boards and the Electricity Council in companies nominated by the Secretary of State and the subsequent dissolution of those Boards and that Council; for the giving of financial assistance in connection with the storage and reprocessing of nuclear fuel, the treatment, storage and disposal of radioactive waste and the decommissioning of nuclear installations; to amend the Rights of Entry (Gas and Electricity Boards) Act 1954 and the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.
Coal Industry	1989/90	19/03/1990	The Act made provision with respect to grants made by the Secretary of State to the British Coal Corporation and further provision with respect to grants and loans under existing powers; regarding the licensing of coal working, searching and boring and the preservation of amenity in connection with opencast coal working.
Coal Mining Subsistence	1990/91	25/07/1991	The Act included provisions for imposing obligations on the British Coal Corporation, including obligations corresponding to those voluntarily accepted by them under their code of practice concerning compensation for subsidence damages.
Coal Industry	1991/92	06/03/1992	The Act made provision for extending the duration of, and increasing the limit on, grants under section 3 of the Coal Industry Act 1987 and to repeal the Coal Mines Regulation Act 1908.
Gas (Exempt Supplies)	1992/93	19/01/1993	The Act amended section 5 of the Gas Act 1986. It included provisions for: the prohibition on unauthorised supply; exemptions from prohibition on unauthorised supply; and keeping of the register.
British Coal and British Rail (Transfer proposals)	1992/93	19/01/1993	The Act conferred powers on the British Coal Corporation and the British Railways Board to act in relation to proposals for the transfer of any of their functions, property, rights or liabilities to any other body or person.



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Home Energy Conservation	1994/95	28/06/1995	Included provisions for the drawing up of local energy conservation reports in relation to residential accommodation.
Atomic Energy Authority	1994/95	08/11/1995	Included provisions for the transfer of property, rights and liabilities of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority to other persons.
Gas	1994/95	08/11/1995	The Act amended Parts I and III of the Gas Act 1986 and made provision for requiring the owners of certain gas processing facilities to make them available to other persons.
Energy Conservation	1995/96	18/07/1996	The Act made further provisions for energy conservation.
Petroleum	1997/98	11/06/1998	The Act consolidated certain enactments about petroleum, offshore installations and submarine pipelines.
Warm Homes and Energy Conservation	1999/00	23/11/2000	The Act made provisions which required the Secretary of State to publish and implement a strategy for reducing fuel poverty; and the setting of targets for the implementation of that strategy.
Electricity (Miscellaneous Provisions)	2002/03	08/05/2003	The Act made provisions in connection with financial assistance to, or the acquisition of any securities of, or any part of the undertaking or assets of, British Energy plc or any of its subsidiaries; provided for the repeal of Part 2 of the Electricity Act 1989; amended Schedule 12 to that Act and made provision for undertakings to make grants under that Schedule to be disregarded for tax purposes.
Sustainable Energy	2002/03	30/10/2003	The Act made provision about the development and promotion of a sustainable energy policy and amended the Utilities Act 2000.
Energy	2003/04	22/07/2004	The Act included provisions on the decommissioning and cleaning up of installations and sites used for, or contaminated by, nuclear activities; the civil nuclear industry; about radioactive waste; for the development, regulation and encouragement of the use of renewable energy sources; in connection with the regulation of the gas and electricity industries; for the imposition of charges in connection with the carrying out of the Secretary of State's functions relating to energy matters; for giving effect to international agreements relating to pipelines and offshore installations.
Climate Change and Sustainable Energy	2005/06	21/06/2006	The Act made provision for the reduction of emissions of greenhouse gases; the alleviation of fuel poverty; the promotion of microgeneration and the use of heat produced from renewable sources; compliance with building regulations relating to emissions of greenhouse gases and the use of fuel and power; the renewables obligation relating to the generation and supply of electricity and the adjustment of transmission charges for electricity.



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Energy	2007/08	26/11/2008	The Act included provisions relating to gas importation and storage; in relation to electricity generated from renewable sources; about payments to small-scale generators of low-carbon electricity; about the decommissioning of energy installations and wells; about the management and disposal of waste produced during the operation of nuclear installations; relating to petroleum licences; about third party access to oil and gas infrastructure and modifications of pipelines; about the duties of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority; relating to gas meters and electricity meters and provision relating to electricity safety; to make provision about the security of equipment, software and information relating to nuclear matters.
Planning and Energy	2007/08	13/11/2008	An Act to enable local planning authorities to set requirements for energy use and energy efficiency in local plans.
Green Energy (Definition and Promotion)	2008/09	12/11/2009	The Act defined the term "green energy". Contained provisions to promote its development, installation and usage.
Energy	2009/10	08/04/2010	The Act made provisions relating to the demonstration, assessment and use of carbon capture and storage technology; about reports on decarbonisation of electricity generation and development and use of carbon capture and storage technology; requiring benefits to be provided by holders of gas or electricity supply licences; on the functions of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority; about general duties of the Secretary of State in relation to gas and electricity markets; about electricity generation licences; and about persons authorised to supply gas or electricity.
Energy	2010/12	18/10/2011	Included provisions for the arrangement and financing of energy efficiency improvements to be made to properties by owners and occupiers; about the promotion by energy companies of reductions in carbon emissions and home-heating costs; for increasing the security of energy supplies; about access to upstream petroleum infrastructure and downstream gas processing facilities; about a special administration regime for energy supply companies; about licence modifications relating to offshore transmission and distribution of electricity; about the security of nuclear construction sites; about the decommissioning of nuclear sites and offshore infrastructure; for the use of pipelines for carbon capture and storage; for an annual report on contribution to carbon emissions reduction targets; for action relating to the energy efficiency of residential accommodation in England; for the generation of electricity from renewable sources; about renewable heat incentives in Northern Ireland; about the powers of the Coal Authority.
Growth and Infrastructure	2012/13	25/04/2013	The Act included provisions in connection with facilitating or controlling: the provision or use of infrastructure; the carrying-out of development; and the compulsory acquisition of land.