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No. 18 of 1974

An Act to amend the Gas Act, 1924-1969.

[Assented to 11th April, 1974]

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor of the State of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Parliament thereof, as follows:

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Gas Act Amendment Act, 1974". Short titles.
- (2) The Gas Act, 1924-1969, is hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act".
- (3) The principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the "Gas Act, 1924-1974".

2. This Act shall come into operation on a day to be fixed by proclamation. Commencement.

3. Section 5 of the principal Act is amended— Amendment of principal Act, s. 5—
Interpretation.
 - (a) by striking out the definition of "calorific value";
 - and
 - (b) by inserting immediately after the definition of "gas supplier" the following definition:—
 - "heating value" means the number of megajoules (gross) produced by the combustion of one cubic metre of the dry gas measured at 15 degrees Celsius under a pressure of 1 013.25 millibars:.

4. Section 8 of the principal Act is amended by striking out from paragraph (a) the word "calorific" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "heating". Amendment of principal Act, s. 8—
Places and times of testing.

5. Section 9 of the principal Act is amended by striking out the word "calorific" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "heating". Amendment of principal Act, s. 9—
Power of Director of Chemistry to inspect works, etc.

Amendment of principal Act, s. 12—
Quality of gas.

6. Section 12 of the principal Act is amended by striking out the word “calorific” and inserting in lieu thereof the word “heating”.

Amendment of principal Act, s. 17—
Report of gas examiner.

7. Section 17 of the principal Act is amended by striking out the word “calorific” and inserting in lieu thereof the word “heating”.

Amendment of principal Act, s. 18—
Penalties for deficiency in heating value, purity or pressure.

8. Section 18 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) by striking out from subsection (1) the word “calorific” wherever it occurs and inserting in lieu thereof in each case the word “heating”;

and

(b) by striking out from subsection (1) the passage “British Thermal Units” and inserting in lieu thereof the word “megajoules”.

Amendment of principal Act, s. 27—
Standard rate of dividend.

9. Section 27 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) by striking out subsection (1) and inserting in lieu thereof the following subsection:—

(1) Except as is provided in this Act, on and after the commencement of the Gas Act Amendment Act, 1974, the profits of the Company to be divided amongst the members in any year shall not exceed such rate (which is in this Act referred to as “the standard rate of dividend”) as is from time to time approved by the Treasurer.;

and

(b) by inserting in subsection (2) after the passage “at such rate as is” the passage “from time to time”.

Amendment of principal Act, s. 36—
Consumer to pay rent for standby meter in certain cases.

10. Section 36 of the principal Act is amended by striking out the passage “three hundred cubic feet” and inserting in lieu thereof the passage “10 cubic metres”.

Amendment of first schedule of principal Act.

11. The first schedule to the principal Act is amended—

(a) by striking out from the heading to Part I the word “CALORIFIC” and inserting in lieu thereof the word “HEATING”;

(b) by striking out paragraph 1 of Part I and inserting in lieu thereof the following paragraph:—

1. The heating value—

(a) of the gas supplied to the Adelaide supply area shall be not less than 35.5 megajoules per cubic metre;

(b) of the gas supplied to the Port Pirie supply area shall be not less than 18.5 megajoules per cubic metre (on the basis of gas saturated with water vapour);

(c) of the gas supplied to the Whyalla supply area shall be not less than 50·5 megajoules per cubic metre (on the basis of gas saturated with water vapour);

and

(d) of the gas supplied to the Mount Gambier supply area shall be not less than 24·6 megajoules per cubic metre (on the basis of gas saturated with water vapour).;

(c) by striking out from paragraph 1 of Part II the passage "0·5 grain of sulphuretted hydrogen per 100 cubic feet" and inserting in lieu thereof the passage "12 milligrams of sulphuretted hydrogen per cubic metre";

and

(d) by striking out from paragraph 1 of Part III the passage "that of a column of water fifteen-tenths of an inch high" and inserting in lieu thereof the passage "375 pascals".

In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

M. L. OLIPHANT, Governor