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Require energy companies to provide the cheapest available tariff to customers aged 75 or over; and for connected purposes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Notification of cheapest tariff

- (1) A company supplying electricity or gas to a domestic customer shall, at least annually, inform the customer of the cheapest tariff available to that customer (based on that customer's current method of payment and usage during the previous 12 month period) and, on request, move the customer to that tariff if that customer is aged 75 or over. 5
- (2) A company need not send the customer the information required under subsection (1) if—
- (a) the company is aware that the customer is under 75 years of age; or
 - (b) the customer has informed the company that he or she does not require the information to be sent. 10
- (3) Ofgem will be required to include in its annual report an assessment of the impact of price structure on customers over the age of 75.

2 Short title, commencement and extent

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Energy Companies (Minimum Tariffs) Act 2013. 15
- (2) This Act shall come into force on the expiration of two months beginning on the day on which it is passed.
- (3) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Energy Companies (Minimum Tariffs) Bill

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