CONSIDERATION OF BILL

ENERGY BILL, AS AMENDED

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Page 13, line 6 [Clause 21], at end insert ‘capacity may be secured by capacity auctions or by the establishment of a strategic reserve or by other means’.

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Page 14, line 16 [Clause 22], at end insert—

‘(e) conferring on the Secretary of State the power by regulation to introduce a system of strategic reserve of supply; and

(f) conferring on The Secretary of State by regulation the power to designate a nominated person to hold and manage the Strategic Reserve on his behalf (“the Strategic Reserve Operator”).’.

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Page 14, line 20 [Clause 22], at end add—

‘(7) (a) A person is eligible to be designated as the Strategic Reserve Operator if the person is—

(i) a company formal and registered under the Companies Act 2006; or

(ii) a public authority, including any person whose functions are of a public nature.

(b) The Strategic Reserve Operator must contract with the System Operator for the circumstances under which the Strategic Reserve Operator supplies power to the System Operator.

(c) The Secretary of State must approve the drawing up of any contract between the System Operator and the Strategic Reserve Operator and may from time to time vary the terms of the contract should circumstances require.

(d) The Secretary of State must lay before Parliament a reasoned case for any change of content under subsection (5).
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(e) Strategic Reserve regulations may make provision for payments to be made by electricity suppliers or capacity providers to a settlement body for the purposes of enabling the body—

(i) to meet such descriptions of its costs that the Secretary of State considers appropriate;

(ii) to hold sums in reserve;

(iii) to make payments to the Strategic Reserve Operator for the purpose of securing and operating Strategic Reserve capacity.’.