

# Energy Pricing (Off Gas Grid Households) Bill

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Make provision about the application of the energy price cap in relation to households without mains gas supply; to require the Secretary of State and Ofgem to make proposals for measures to ensure that households do not have to pay more for energy because they do not have access to mains gas supply; and for connected purposes.

**B**E 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 Application of the energy price cap to households without access to mains gas supply**

- (1) The Domestic Gas and Electricity (Tariff Cap) Act 2018 is amended as follows.
- (2) After section 2 (tariff cap conditions), insert—

**“2A Application of the tariff cap to households without access to mains gas supply**

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- (1) The Secretary of State must by regulations require the Authority—
  - (a) to make different provision for the application of the tariff cap in areas in which domestic customers do not have access to mains gas supply, and
  - (b) to make that provision with a view to protecting domestic customers in those areas.
- (2) Regulations made under this section may make different provision for different areas.”.

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**2 Report on proposals for measures relating to energy costs for households without access to mains gas supply**

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- (1) The Secretary of State and the Office of Gas and Electricity Markets must prepare and publish a report containing proposals for measures to ensure that households do not have to pay more for energy because they do not have access to mains gas supply.

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- (2) A report under subsection (1) must consider the merits of designating areas without access to mains gas supply as vulnerable areas for the purposes of applying the tariff cap.
- (3) The Secretary of State must lay a copy of the report prepared under subsection (1) before Parliament in 2022.

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### **3 Extent, commencement and short title**

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales and Scotland.
- (2) Section 1 comes into force at the end of the period of six months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed.
- (3) Sections 2 and 3 come into force on the day on which this Act is passed.
- (4) This Act may be cited as the Energy Pricing (Off Gas Grid Households) Act 2022.

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