
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1984 No. 704 (N.I. 4)
NORTHERN IRELAND
The Gas (Amendment)
(Northern Ireland) Order 1984

Laid before Parliament in draft

Made 18th May 1984

Coming into Operation 25th May 1984

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 18th day of May 1984

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas a draft of this Order has been approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred by paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974, and of all other powers enabling Her in that behalf, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1974 c. 28

Title and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Gas (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1984 and shall come into operation on the expiration of the period of seven days from the date on which it is made.

Interpretation

2. The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 shall apply to Article 1 and the following provisions of this Order as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

1954 c. 33 (N.I.)

Compulsory acquisition of new rights over land by gas undertakers

1977 NI 7

3. In Article 16 of the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 (compulsory acquisition of land by gas undertakers)—

(a) at the beginning of paragraph (3) there shall be inserted the words “Subject to the following provisions of this Article,”;

(b) after paragraph (3) there shall be inserted the following paragraph:—

“(3A) The power to make a vesting order in respect of any land includes power to create and vest in the undertakers new rights over the land as well as to vest existing rights.”.

Financial assistance to gas industry

4.—(1) The Department of Economic Development may expend money for the purpose of maintaining and developing the gas industry in Northern Ireland and for promoting the reconstruction and reorganisation of that industry.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1), the Department of Economic Development in the exercise of its powers under that paragraph may give financial assistance to persons engaged in the gas industry in Northern Ireland and such financial assistance may be given on any terms or conditions and by any description of investment or lending or guarantee or by making grants.

(3) The powers of the Department of Economic Development under this Article shall not be exercisable except with the approval of the Department of Finance and Personnel.

N. E. Leigh,
Clerk of the Privy Council.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

Article 3 amends Article 16 of the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 to empower a gas undertaker to acquire compulsorily new rights over land created by a vesting order made in accordance with Schedule 6 to the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972, as applied by that Article.

Article 4 authorises the Department of Economic Development to expend money in maintaining and developing the gas industry in Northern Ireland and in promoting the reconstruction and reorganisation of that industry.

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