
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1992 No. 231

The Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992

PART II

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

Provisions with respect to the General Consumer Council

Abolition of the General Consumer Council's functions in relation to electricity

56. Article 6 of the General Consumer Council (Northern Ireland) Order 1984 (which confers functions on the General Consumer Council for Northern Ireland in relation to the supply of electricity) shall cease to have effect.

Continuity of employment of employees of the General Consumer Council

57.—(1) This Article applies to any person who—

- (a) immediately before the date on which Article 56 comes into operation is an employee of the General Consumer Council (in this Article referred to as his “former employer”); and
- (b) within 4 weeks from that date, is employed by the Director (in this Article referred to as his “new employer”) in pursuance of an offer made before that date.

(2) A person to whom this Article applies shall not, by reason of the termination of his employment with his former employer, be entitled to receive any redundancy payment under Part II of the Contracts of Employment and Redundancy Payments Act (Northern Ireland) 1965 or be eligible for any compensation benefit in respect of that redundancy payable under any scheme made under Article 3 of the Superannuation (Northern Ireland) Order 1972.

(3) Schedule 1 to the said Act of 1965 (computation of period of employment) shall have effect in relation to a person to whom this Article applies as if it included the following provisions, that is to say—

- (a) the period of his employment with his former employer shall count as a period of employment with his new employer; and
- (b) the change of employer shall not break the continuity of the period of employment.

(4) Where this Article applies to a person, the period of his employment with his former employer shall count as a period of employment with his new employer for the purposes of any provision of his contract of employment with his new employer which depends on his length of service with that employer.

(5) In this Article references to employees of the General Consumer Council include employees who are also office holders but exclude office holders who are not also employees.