## EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

These Regulations revoke and replace the Electricity (Applications for Licences and Extensions of Licences) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992, with amendments.

The principal changes are as follows.

The Regulations include provision for the form of application, and for the lodgement of applications, for the new licence for acting as a Single Energy Market (SEM) operator, the documents to accompany such an application and the fee payable therewith.

Under Article 8(6) of the Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 ("the 1992 Order"), as amended, a person acts as an SEM operator if his responsibilities include responsibility pursuant to the trading and settlement code referred to in that paragraph for calculating charges and other payments due under it.

The Regulations also take into account the change in the licensable activity under Article 10(1)(b) of the 1992 Order from transmission of electricity to participation in the transmission of electricity.