
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2011 No. 155

**The Gas and Electricity (Internal Markets)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011**

PART VI

NATIONAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY

Designation of the Authority as the national regulatory authority for Northern Ireland

35. After Article 3 (The Northern Ireland Authority for Energy Regulation) of the Energy Order there shall be inserted the following Article—

“Designation of Authority as national regulatory authority for Northern Ireland

3A.—(1) The Authority is designated as the national regulatory authority for Northern Ireland in accordance with Article 35(3) of the Electricity Directive and Article 39(3) of the Gas Directive.

(2) The Authority shall ensure that its staff do not—

- (a) seek or take any instructions that might compromise, or might reasonably be seen to compromise, the Authority’s independence in relation to its functions as designated regulatory authority for Northern Ireland; or
- (b) carry out any other activity, or have any financial or other interest, that might compromise, or might reasonably be seen to compromise, the Authority’s independence in relation to those functions.

(3) The Authority may make representations to the regulatory authority for Great Britain designated under section 3A of the Utilities Act 2000 about matters to be discussed or decided at any meeting of the Board of Regulators of the Agency; and whenever the Authority receives from that regulatory authority any documents or other information related to any such meeting, the Authority shall consider whether or not to do so.”

Commencement Information

II Reg. 35 in operation at 15.4.2011, see [reg. 1](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Gas and Electricity (Internal Markets) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011, Section 35.