STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1971 No. 339

ELECTRICITY

The Electricity (Borrowing Powers) Order 1971

Laid before the House of Commons in draft

Made - - - - 3rd March 1971

Coming into Operation 3rd March 1971

The Secretary of State in exercise of his powers under section 15(5) of the Electricity Act 1957(**a**), as amended by section 1(2) of the Electricity and Gas Act 1963(**b**) and section 2 of the National Loans Act 1968(**c**), and all other powers in that behalf him enabling, hereby makes the following Order, a draft of which has been laid before the Commons House of Parliament and has been approved by a resolution of that House in accordance with section 1(6) of the said Electricity and Gas Act 1963:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Electricity (Borrowing Powers) Order 1971.

2. The aggregate of the amounts outstanding in respect of any borrowing mentioned in the said section 15(5) (as amended) or in section 2 of the Gas and Electricity Act 1968(**d**) shall not exceed the sum of £4,400 million.

Dated 3rd March 1971.

John Davies,
Secretary of State for Trade
and Industry.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

The Electricity Act 1957, s. 15 as amended provides, inter alia, that the Electricity Council, the Generating Board or any Area Board may raise money for capital purposes by borrowing either temporarily or by the issue of stock or in the case of the Electricity Council by the taking of Government advances. Additionally section 2 of the Gas and Electricity Act 1968 enables the Electricity Council to borrow foreign currency.

The aggregate outstanding borrowing by the Electricity Council, the Generating Board and the Area Boards is limited to £3,300 million or such greater sum not exceeding £4,400 million as the Secretary of State may by order specify. The limit was increased to £4,100 million by the Electricity (Borrowing Powers) Order 1966. (S.I. 1966/1381).

This Order raises the limit to £4,400 million.

(**a**) 1957 c. 48.   (**b**) 1963 c. 59.   (**c**) 1968 c. 13.   (**d**) 1968 c. 39.