STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2006 No. 2002

The Electricity Act 1989 (Exemption from the Requirement for an Interconnector Licence) Order 2006

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Electricity Act 1989 (Exemption from the Requirement for an Interconnector Licence) Order 2006 and shall come into force on 14th August 2006.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

"the Act" means the Electricity Act 1989;

"the Interconnexion France Angleterre" means the electricity interconnector between Sellindge in England and Les Mandarins in France;

"the Isle of Man Electricity Interconnector" means the electricity interconnector between Bispham in Lancashire, England and Douglas Head, Douglas, Isle of Man;

"MCC" means Manx Cable Company Limited, registered in the Isle of Man under number 91223C;

"MEA" means the Manx Electricity Authority, a statutory board continued under the Electricity Act 1996 (an Act of Tynwald)(**1**);

"the Moyle Interconnector" means the electricity interconnector between Auchencrosh in Scotland and Ballycronan More in Northern Ireland;

"NIE" means Northern Ireland Electricity plc, registered in Northern Ireland under number NI026041;

"RTE" means the operator, established in France by the Act of 10 February 2000 relating to the modernisation and development of public electricity services (LOI no 2000-108), of the French electricity grid; and

"SONI" means SONI Limited, registered in Northern Ireland under number NI038715.

Exemption from section 4(1)(d) of the Act

3. Exemption is granted from section 4(1)(d) of the Act (which prohibits participation in the operation of an electricity interconnector without a licence)(**2**) to—

(a) MCC and MEA in respect of the Isle of Man Electricity Interconnector;

(b) RTE in respect of the Interconnexion France Angleterre;

(c) SONI in respect of the Moyle Interconnector; and

(**1**) 1996 c. 14 – an Act of Tynwald.

(**2**) Section 4(1)(d) is inserted by section 145(2) of the Energy Act 2004 (c. 20) from 14th August 2006: see the Energy Act 2004 (Commencement No. 7) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/1964 (c.66)).

(d) NIE in respect of the Moyle Interconnector for so long as SONI does not hold a licence granted under article 10(1)(b) of the Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992(**3**).

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(**3**) 1992/231 (N.I. 1). Article 10(1)(b) will be amended by article 28(4) of the Energy (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 (N.I. 6), once that provision is commenced.