
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Electricity (Single Wholesale Market) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007

Introductory

Title and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Electricity (Single Wholesale Market) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007.

(2) This Article and Article 2 come into operation one week after the day on which this Order is made.

(3) The remaining provisions of this Order come into operation on such day or days as the Department may by order appoint.

(4) An order under paragraph (3) may contain such transitional or saving provisions as the Department thinks appropriate.

Interpretation

2.—(1) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 (c. 33) applies to this Order as it applies to an Act of the Assembly.

(2) In this Order—

“the Authority” means the Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation;

“consumers” include both existing and future consumers;

“the Department” means the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment;

“the Electricity Order” means the [Electricity \(Northern Ireland\) Order 1992 \(NI 1\)](#);

“the Energy Order” means the [Energy \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2003 \(NI 6\)](#);

“modifications” includes additions, omissions, amendments and substitutions;

“the SEM” means the Single Electricity Market, that is to say the new arrangements in Northern Ireland and Ireland which are—

(a) designed to promote the establishment and operation of a single competitive wholesale electricity market in Northern Ireland and Ireland; and

(b) described in the Memorandum of Understanding mentioned in paragraph (3);

“the SEM Committee” means the Committee established by Article 6(1);

“SEM matter” shall be construed in accordance with Article 6(3);

“statutory provision” has the meaning given by section 1(f) of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 (c. 33).

(3) The Memorandum of Understanding mentioned above is the Memorandum of Understanding relating to the establishment and operation of a single competitive wholesale electricity market in Northern Ireland and Ireland —

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- (a) which was signed on behalf of the Government of Ireland on 5th December 2006 and on behalf of the Government of the United Kingdom on 6th December 2006, and
 - (b) a copy of which was presented to Parliament by the Secretary of State by command of Her Majesty on 8th December 2006.
- (4) Expressions used in this Order which are defined in Article 3 of the Electricity Order have the meanings given by that Article.
- (5) In this Order, and in any provision of the Electricity Order or the Energy Order amended by this Order—
- “CER” means the Commission for Energy Regulation (being a body established by Act of the Oireachtas);
 - “the Irish Minister” means the Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources (being a Minister of the Government of Ireland).
- (6) The Department may by order subject to negative resolution make such amendments to the definitions in paragraph (5) as appear to it to be necessary or expedient in consequence of any change in the law of Ireland.