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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2006 No. 56**

**Renewables Obligation Order (Northern Ireland) 2006**

**PART 2**

**THE RENEWABLES OBLIGATION**

**The renewables obligation**

3.—(1) The renewables obligation is that, subject to Articles 11, 12 and 13, each designated electricity supplier shall before each specified day produce to the Authority evidence showing—

- (a) that he has supplied to customers in Northern Ireland during the obligation period to which the specified day relates such amount of electricity generated from eligible renewable sources as is determined under Article 4; or
- (b) that another electricity supplier has done so (or that two or more others have done so); or
- (c) that, between them, they have done so.

(2) The evidence referred to in paragraph (1) is NIROCs provided that such NIROCs relate to electricity generated from eligible renewable sources.

(3) A NIROC referred to in paragraph (2) shall be regarded as produced to the Authority as the evidence or part of the evidence required under paragraph (1) in respect of an obligation period where before the specified day relating to that period the Authority receives from the designated electricity supplier which holds the NIROC a notification in writing identifying the NIROC to be produced for that purpose and giving the NIROC identifier.

(4) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), the Authority may draw up procedural guidelines for the production of NIROCs as the evidence or part of the evidence required under paragraph (1).

(5) An electricity supplier has a renewables obligation in respect of an obligation period if he supplies electricity in Northern Ireland at any time during that period regardless of whether he supplies electricity in Northern Ireland for the whole of that period.

**The amount of the renewables obligation**

4.—(1) The amount of electricity referred to in Article 3(1)(a), in respect of an obligation period, is such amount of electricity as equals the relevant percentage of all the electricity supplied by the designated electricity supplier to customers in Northern Ireland during the obligation period (as determined pursuant to paragraph (3)), such amount being rounded to the nearest whole megawatt hour (with any exact half megawatt hour being rounded upwards).

(2) In paragraph (1) “the relevant percentage” means, in respect of an obligation period, the percentage set out in the second column of Schedule 2 against the reference to that obligation period in the first column of Schedule 2.

(3) For the purposes of paragraph (1) the amount of the electricity supplied by the designated electricity supplier to customers in Northern Ireland during an obligation period is to be determined by reference to—

- (a) the estimated figures, for his total sales of electricity to customers in Northern Ireland for each of the twelve periods of approximately one month falling wholly or mainly within the obligation period, which are furnished to the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment and the Authority under paragraph (4), together with,
  - (b) any additional or updated figures for such sales as are furnished to the Authority under paragraph (5)(a).
- (4) Each designated electricity supplier shall furnish to the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment and to the Authority the estimated figures relating to his total sales of electricity to customers in Northern Ireland during an obligation period by no later than the 1st June immediately following the end of the obligation period.
- (5) Each designated electricity supplier shall by no later than the 1st July immediately following the end of an obligation period, inform the Authority of—
- (a) the amount of electricity which he has supplied to customers in Northern Ireland during the obligation period; and
  - (b) the amount in megawatt hours of his renewables obligation in respect of the obligation period.
- (6) In furnishing the information specified in paragraphs (4) and (5), the designated electricity supplier shall have regard to any sales figures, which he has provided (or intends to provide) to the Department of Trade and Industry for statistical purposes and publication in “Energy Trends”(1).

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(1) [http://www.dti.gov.uk/energy/inform/energy\\_trends/index.shtml](http://www.dti.gov.uk/energy/inform/energy_trends/index.shtml)