

SCHEDULE 5

Conditions to which the exemptions from Article 8(1)(c) of the Electricity Order are subject

Provision of services for persons who are of pensionable age or disabled or chronically sick

5.—(1) The supply exemption holder shall—

- (a) not, in any month from October to March, cut off the supply of electricity to the premises at which the household customer—
 - (i) has not paid charges for electricity supplied to those premises;
 - (ii) is of pensionable age, disabled or chronically sick; and
 - (iii) lives alone or only with other persons who are of pensionable age, disabled, chronically sick or under the age of 18;
- (b) take all reasonable steps to avoid, in any month from October to March, cutting off the supply of electricity to the premises of a household customer—
 - (i) where the household customer has not paid the charges for electricity supplied to those premises; and
 - (ii) the occupants of those premises include a person who is of pensionable age, disabled or chronically sick and to whom sub-paragraph (a) does not apply; and
- (c) take all reasonable steps to ascertain, before it exercises any right it may have to cut off the supply of electricity to the premises of a household customer, whether those premises is one that falls within the scope of sub-paragraph (a) or (b) above.

(2) For the purposes of this paragraph, a person is “disabled” if he/she has a disability within the meaning given to that term in the Disability Discrimination (Northern Ireland) Order 2006(1).