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The Energy (Northern Ireland) Order 2003

PART I

INTRODUCTORY

Title and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Energy (Northern Ireland) Order 2003.

(2) Except as provided by paragraph (3), this Order shall come into operation on such day or days as the Department may by order appoint.

(3) The following provisions come into operation on the day after the day on which this Order is made—

- (a) this Part;
- (b) Articles 59 and 60;
- (c) Article 64;
- (d) Articles 66 and 67;
- (e) paragraph 1(2) of Schedule 3 (and Article 65 so far as relating thereto);
- (f) Schedule 4 (and Article 65 so far as relating thereto).

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—

“authorised supplier”—

- (a) in relation to electricity, means a person authorised by a licence or exemption to supply electricity;
- (b) in relation to gas, means a person authorised by a licence or exemption to supply gas;

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

“consumers” includes both existing consumers and future consumers;

“the Council” means the General Consumer Council for Northern Ireland;

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

“electricity licence” means a licence under Article 10 of the Electricity Order;

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

“gas licence” means a licence under Article 8 of the Gas Order;

“the Gas Order” means the [Gas \(Northern Ireland\) Order 1996 \(NI 2\)](#);

“licence holder” means the holder of an electricity licence or a gas licence;

“Northern Ireland” has the same meaning as in the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (c. 47);

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

(3) Expressions used in this Order, as regards matters relating to electricity, which are defined in Article 2 or 3 of the Electricity Order or used in Part II of that Order have the same meaning as in that Part of that Order.

(4) Expressions used in this Order, as regards matters relating to gas, which are defined in Article 2 or 3 of the Gas Order or used in Part II of that Order have the same meaning as in that Part of that Order.