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COAL INDUSTRY

**The National Coal Board (Pit Closures Grants)
(Extension) Order 1976***Laid before the House of Commons in draft**Made - - - - - 25th March 1976**Coming into operation 27th March 1976*

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 3(5) of the Coal Industry Act 1973(a) and all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order, a draft of which has been laid before the Commons House of Parliament and approved by a resolution of that House in accordance with section 12(4) of the Coal Industry Act 1973:—

1. This Order may be cited as the National Coal Board (Pit Closures Grants) (Extension) Order 1976 and shall come into operation on 27th March 1976.

2. The Interpretation Act 1889(b) shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. The financial years of the National Coal Board in respect of which grants may be made to the Board under section 1 of the Coal Industry Act 1971(c) as amended by section 3 of the Coal Industry Act 1973 shall include the financial years of the Board ending in March 1977 and in March 1978 respectively.

*Alexander Eadie,*Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Department of Energy.

25th March 1976.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

Section 1 of the Coal Industry Act 1971 empowers the Secretary of State to make to the National Coal Board such grants as it appears to him will further assist in the re-deployment of the manpower resources of the Board and the elimination of uneconomic colliery capacity. Such grants are subject to the consent of the Treasury. The power to make such grants (restricted by the Act of 1971 to the years 1971–1974) was extended by section 3(1) of the Coal Industry Act 1973 to relate to the financial years of the Board ending in March 1975 and March 1976. That Act also empowered the Secretary of State further to extend by order the power to make such grants to relate to the financial years of the Board ending in March 1977 and March 1978. This Order extends the power to make such grants accordingly.

(a) 1973 c. 8.

(b) 1889 c. 63.

(c) 1971 c. 16.

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