STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2000 No. 2917 (C. 84)

ELECTRICITY GAS

The Utilities Act 2000 (Commencement No. 2) Order 2000

Made - - - 30th October 2000

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 110(2) of the Utilities Act 2000(1), hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation

1. This Order may be cited as the Utilities Act 2000 (Commencement No. 2) Order 2000.

Provisions of the Utilities Act 2000 commenced by this Order

2. 1st November 2000 is the appointed day for the coming into force of the provisions of the Utilities Act 2000 listed in the first column of the Schedule to this Order for the purposes set out in the second column.

Helen Liddell,
Minister for Energy and Competitiveness in
Europe,
Department of Trade and Industry

30th October 2000

SCHEDULE Article 2

PROVISIONS OF THE UTILITIES ACT 2000 COMING INTO FORCE ON 1ST NOVEMBER 2000

Provisions of the Utilities Act 2000	Purpose
Section 1(1), (2) and (4) (creation of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority)	For all purposes
Section 2(1), (2) and (4) (creation of the Gas and Electricity Consumer Council)	For all purposes
Section 3(3) to (5) and (8) (schemes for the transfer to Authority and Council of property, rights and liabilities)	For all purposes
Schedule 1 (the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority)	For all purposes
Schedule 2, paragraphs 1 to 9 and 15 to 17 (the Gas and Electricity Consumer Council)	For all purposes
Schedule 3 (further provision about transfer of functions, property etc.)	For all purposes
In Schedule 6 (minor and consequential amendments)—	
paragraphs 42 to 44	For all purposes
paragraph 45	For the purpose of inserting into the House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975(2) references to the "Gas and Electricity Markets Authority" and the "Gas and Electricity Consumer Council"
In Schedule 7, paragraph 26 (transitional provisions and savings)	For all purposes

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This is the second Commencement Order made under the Utilities Act 2000 ("the Act").

Article 2 brings into force on 1st November 2000 those provisions of the Act listed in the Schedule to the Order for the purposes specified therein. It brings into force those provisions of section 1 of the Act (section 1(1), (2) and (4)) which provide for the creation of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority ("the Authority") and for Schedule 1 to the Act (which relates to the establishment and

^{(2) 1975} c. 24.

functioning of the Authority) to take effect. Those provisions of section 2 (section 2(1), (2) and (4)) which provide for the creation of the Gas and Electricity Consumer Council ("the Council") and certain paragraphs of Schedule 2 to the Act (which relates to the Council's establishment and functioning) are also brought into force. Section 3(3) to (5) and (8) of, and Schedule 3 to the Act which relate to schemes for the transfer to the Authority and Council of property, rights and liabilities of the Director General of Gas Supply and Director General of Electricity Supply are also brought into force.

Further certain minor, consequential and transitional provisions are brought into force by article 2.

NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT ORDERS

(This note is not part of the Order)

The following provisions of the Utilities Act 2000 ("the Act") were brought into force on 29th September 2000 by S.I. No. 2412—

Provisions of the Act	Purpose
Section 27	For certain purposes
Section 67	For all purposes
Section 106	For all purposes
Section 107	For all purposes
Section 109	For all purposes

The Order also brings into force on 21st November 2000 section 66 of the Act (subject to certain saving provisions).