#### DRAFT STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

## 2009 No.

# **ELECTRICITY**

# The Renewables Obligation Order (Northern Ireland) 2009

# THE RENEWABLES OBLIGATION ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2009

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#### SCHEDULE 3 — The NIROC Register

- 1. The Authority must maintain the Register referred to in Article...
- 2. The Register must identify whether or not a NIROC subsists...
- 3. Particulars of a NIROC comprise—(a) the name of the...
- 4. A person may only be the registered holder of a...
- 5. The Authority may from time to time draw up procedural...
- 6. The Authority must delete from the Register—
- 7. Where the registered holder of a NIROC and a person...
- 8. Where the Authority receives requests under paragraph 7(a) it must...
- 9. Where—(a) a NIROC is issued under this Order, or...
- 10. The substitute cannot be the registered holder of a NIROC...
- 11. The Register may be amended by a decision of the...
- 12. The contents of the Register (including the entries referred to...
- 13. Where any person considers that an entry maintained in respect...
- 14. The Authority must in any procedural guidelines which it produces...
- 15. "Banking day" means a day on which banks are generally...

**Explanatory Note**