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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order makes miscellaneous amendments to the Electricity Supply (Northern Ireland) Order 1972. The main amendments are—

- (a) to rename the Northern Ireland Electricity Service as Northern Ireland Electricity;
- (b) to facilitate the generation of electricity by persons other than Northern Ireland Electricity;
- (c) to extend the functions and borrowing powers of Northern Ireland Electricity;
- (d) to require Northern Ireland Electricity to adopt and support schemes for use of heat produced from the generation of electricity;
- (e) to extend the purpose for which the Department of Economic Development may compulsorily acquire land;
- (f) to make new provision with respect to powers of entry;
- (g) to require notice of construction of private generating stations to be given to Northern Ireland Electricity;
- (h) to enable Northern Ireland Electricity to require a person to remedy any electric line made unsafe by his action; and
- (i) to increase the time within which prosecutions for certain offences can be brought.