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**The Energy (Northern Ireland) Order 2003**

**PART IV**

**FUNCTIONS OF THE GENERAL CONSUMER COUNCIL**

**Publication of notice of reasons**

**25.**—(1) Subject to the following provisions of this Article, the Council may publish a notice given to it under Article 24(4).

(2) Information which relates to the affairs of any particular individual or body of persons (corporate or unincorporate) shall be excluded from any notice published under paragraph (1) unless one or more of sub-paragraphs (a) to (c) of paragraph (3) applies to the information.

(3) Information relating to a particular individual or body may be published if—

- (a) that individual or body has consented to the publication;
- (b) it is information that is available to the public from some other source; or
- (c) it is not information the publication of which would or might, in the opinion of the Council, seriously and prejudicially affect the interests of that individual or body.

(4) Before deciding to publish any information relating to a particular individual or body in pursuance of paragraph (3)(c), the Council shall—

- (a) consult that individual or body; and
- (b) have regard to any opinion expressed by the Authority as to the application of paragraph (3)(c) to the information or as to the desirability or otherwise of its publication;

and sub-paragraph (b) applies whether the opinion is given in relation to the information itself or to information of a description which applies to that information.