

SCHEDULES

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Section 23

REGULATION OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND ENERGY MARKET

Simplification of procedure for modifying conditions of electricity licences

- 1 (1) This paragraph applies to the exercise of the power conferred by Article 14 of the Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 (S.I. 1992/231 (N.I. 1)) (modification of conditions of electricity licences) by the Northern Ireland Regulator in response to the energy crisis.
- (2) These provisions of Article 14 do not apply to the exercise of the power—
 - (a) paragraphs (2)(d), (3), (5) and (8)(c) (representations with respect to proposed modification);
 - (b) paragraph (10) (56 day standstill period before modification takes effect).
- (3) If, before the Northern Ireland Regulator decides to proceed with the making of a proposed modification by the exercise of the power, the Department directs the Regulator not to make that modification, the Regulator shall comply with the direction.
- (4) Article 14(7) has effect subject to sub-paragraph (2).
- (5) An appeal may not be brought under Article 14B in respect of the exercise of the power.

Simplification of procedure for modifying conditions of gas licences

- 2 (1) This section applies to the exercise of the power conferred by Article 14 of the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (S.I. 1996/275 (N.I. 2)) (modification of conditions of gas licences) by the Northern Ireland Regulator in response to the energy crisis.
- (2) These provisions of Article 14 do not apply to the exercise of the power—
 - (a) paragraphs (2)(d), (3), (5) and (8)(c) (representations with respect to proposed modification);
 - (b) paragraph (10) (56 day standstill period before modification takes effect).
- (3) If, before the Northern Ireland Regulator decides to proceed with the making of a proposed modification by the exercise of the power, the Department directs the Regulator not to make that modification, the Regulator shall comply with the direction.
- (4) Article 14(7) has effect subject to sub-paragraph (2).
- (5) An appeal may not be brought under Article 14B in respect of the exercise of the power.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

Expiry of this Schedule

- 3 (1) This Schedule ceases to have effect at the end of the relevant period.
- (2) In this paragraph “relevant period” means the first period of 6 months to end after this Act is passed during the whole of which both the First Minister and deputy First Minister in Northern Ireland have held office.
- (3) That includes any such period which began before the day on which this Act is passed.
- (4) The Secretary of State may, by regulations, substitute the period of time specified in sub-paragraph (2) (for the purposes of this Schedule or a paragraph of this Schedule).
- (5) Regulations under sub-paragraph (4) are subject to the affirmative procedure.

Interpretation

- 4 In this Schedule—
- “Department” means the Department for the Economy in Northern Ireland;
- “electricity licence” means a licence granted under Article 10 of the Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 (S.I. 1992/231 (N.I. 1));
- “gas licence” means a licence granted under Article 8 of the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (S.I. 1996/275 (N.I. 2)).