

**1979 No. 412 (S. 45)****ELECTRICITY****The North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board (Compensation  
for Smelter Deficits) Order 1979**

*Laid before the House of Commons in draft*

*Made - - - - 26th March 1979*

*Coming into Operation 27th March 1979*

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by section 2(1) of the Electricity (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1976(a) and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, and after consultation with the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board), I hereby, with the consent of the Treasury, make the following order, a draft of which has been laid before the House of Commons and has been approved by resolution of that House in accordance with section 3(1) of the said Act:—

1. This order may be cited as the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board (Compensation for Smelter Deficits) Order 1979 and shall come into operation on 27th March 1979.

2. The sum of £5,609,699 shall be paid by me to the Board towards reimbursement of the deficit incurred by the Board, including interest charges on monies necessarily borrowed to finance that deficit, during the year ended 31st March 1978 under the contract entered into in 1968 between the Board and the British Aluminium Company Limited for the supply of electricity to that Company's aluminium reduction plant at Invergordon.

3. The sum of £526,240 shall be paid by me to the Board towards reimbursement of the capital contributions paid by the Board to the South of Scotland Electricity Board during the year ended 31st March 1978, including interest charges on monies necessarily borrowed to finance those contributions, to maintain entitlement to that part of the generating capacity of Hunterston "B" nuclear power station assigned to the Board for the purpose of supplying

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electricity to the British Aluminium Company Limited for the operation of that Company's aluminium reduction plant at Invergordon.

*Bruce Millan,*  
One of Her Majesty's Principal  
Secretaries of State.

New St. Andrew's House,  
Edinburgh.  
26th March 1979.

We consent.  
26th March 1979.

*T. E. Graham,*  
*Peter Snape,*  
Two of the Lords Commissioners  
of Her Majesty's Treasury.

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order specifies the payments to be made to the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board towards reimbursement of the deficit and interest thereon incurred by the Board during the year ended 31st March 1978 in supplying electricity to the aluminium reduction plant of the British Aluminium Company Limited at Invergordon, and towards reimbursement of the capital contributions paid by the Board to the South of Scotland Electricity Board during the year ended 31st March 1978 to maintain entitlement to that part of the generating capacity of Hunterston "B" nuclear power station assigned to the Board for the purpose of supplying electricity to the Invergordon aluminium reduction plant, and interest thereon.



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