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**1987 No. 2175**

**CONTROL OF FUEL AND ELECTRICITY**

**The Electricity Generating Stations (Fuel Control)  
Order 1987**

*Made* - - - - - *14th December 1987*

*Laid before Parliament* *17th December 1987*

*Coming into force* *27th January 1988*

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 14(4) and (5) of the Energy Act 1976(a) (in this Order referred to as "the Act") and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

1. This Order may be cited as the Electricity Generating Stations (Fuel Control) Order 1987 and shall come into force on 27th January 1988.

2. Notice under section 14(1) of the Act need not be given to the Secretary of State in any case where the plant to be installed or converted in the electricity generating station to which the proposed works relate will have a capacity such that the generating capacity of the station, when established or converted, will be less than 10 megawatts.

3. Authority is hereby given for any person –

(a) to enter into contractual or other arrangements for obtaining a supply of natural gas as fuel for an electricity generating station with a generating capacity of less than 10 megawatts; and

(b) to extend the duration of any such arrangements (whether made before or after this Order comes into force),

without giving notice to the Secretary of State under section 14(2) of the Act.

14th December 1987

*Peter Morrison*  
Minister of State, Department of Energy

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

Section 14(1) of the Energy Act 1976 requires notice to be given to the Secretary of State of a proposal to carry out works for the establishment of an electricity generating station to be fuelled, or for the conversion of such a station with a view to its being fuelled, by crude liquid petroleum, any petroleum product or natural gas. This Order provides that such notice need not be given where the generating capacity of the station, when established or converted, will be less than 10 megawatts. This Order also gives general authority for a person to enter into or extend the duration of arrangements for obtaining a supply of natural gas as fuel for an electricity generating station with a capacity of less than 10 megawatts, without giving notice to the Secretary of State under section 14(2) of the Act.