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**The Electricity and Gas Appeals (Modification of Time Limits)
Order 2006**

<i>Made</i> - - - -	<i>12th June 2006</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>15th June 2006</i>
<i>Coming into force</i> - -	<i>27th July 2006</i>

The Secretary of State makes the following Order in exercise of the power conferred by paragraph 14 of Schedule 22 to the Energy Act 2004(a):—

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Electricity and Gas Appeals (Modification of Time Limits) Order 2006 and shall come into force on 27th July 2006.

Time limit for payment of costs

2. In paragraph 13(6) of Schedule 22 to the Energy Act 2004 (period within which a person who is required by an order under that paragraph to pay another's costs must do so), for "five" substitute "twenty-eight".

12th June 2006

Malcolm Wicks
Minister of State for Energy,
Department of Trade and Industry

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order modifies the time limit within which costs incurred by the Competition Commission (or costs which the Competition Commission orders one party to pay to the other) in connection with the determination of appeals under section 173 of the Energy Act 2004 must be paid. That section, together with the Electricity and Gas Appeals (Designation and Exclusion) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/1646), provides a right of appeal from a decision of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority modifying certain codes (including the Balancing and Settlement Code, the Connection and Use of System Code and the Uniform Network Code) which play a prominent role in the regulation of the gas and electricity sectors. Article 2 extends the period within which costs must be paid from five to twenty-eight days beginning with the day after the making of a costs order by the Competition Commission.

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