1973 No. 44 **[NC]**

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1972

Commencement

ORDER, DATED THE 21ST DAY OF FEBRUARY 1973, MADE BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE UNDER ARTICLE 1(2) OF THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1972.

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by section 1(1) of the Northern Ireland (Temporary Provisions) Act 1972(a) and Article 1(2) of the Electricity Supply (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(b) I hereby order as follows:

1. This Order may be cited as the Electricity Supply (Northern Ireland) Order (Commencement) Order (Northern Ireland) 1973.

2. Articles 41, 42 and 43 and Schedule 5 of the Electricity Supply (Northern Ireland) Order 1972 shall come into operation on 21st February 1973.

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph 2 the remaining provisions of the Electricity Supply (Northern Ireland) Order 1972 except Articles 34 and 35 and paragraph 14, 15 and 16 of Schedule 3 shall come into operation on 1st April 1973.

(2) Schedule 7 of the said Order (which relates to repeals) shall not come into operation by virtue of paragraph (1) so far as it relates to sub-sections (11) and (13) of section 5 and section 9 of the Electricity (Supply) Act (Northern Ireland) 1948(c).

Dated this 21st day of February 1973.

W. S. I. Whitelaw,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

(a) 1972. c. 22.
(b) S.I. 1972, No. 1072 (N.I. 9).
(c) 1948. c. 18.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order brings into operation on 21st February 1973 articles 41, 42 and 43 of the Electricity Supply (Northern Ireland) Order 1972 which provide for the making of Orders for the transfer of functions to the Service, the dissolution of the Joint Electricity Authority and the Electricity Board for Northern Ireland and the transfer and compensation of officers. The remaining provisions of the Electricity Supply (Northern Ireland) Order 1972 will come into operation on 1st April 1973 with the following exceptions:—

(1) Articles 34 and 35 and paragraphs 14, 15 and 16 of Schedule 3 which provide for meter testing and certifying;

(2) the repeal, by schedule 7, of those provisions of the Electricity (Supply) Act (Northern Ireland) 1948 which enable partially confirmed Schemes to be further confirmed or existing schemes to be altered or extended, or which empower the Ministry to make Orders modifying or adapting the provisions of any enactment as far as it may be necessary to give effect to any confirmed Scheme.