(*c*) the said liabilities shall become liabilities of the Southern Fire Authority.

6. Anything commenced before the date of transfer by or under the authority of the Ministry under or by virtue of the Act of 1942 may, in so far as it relates to any functions transferred by this Order, be carried on or completed by or under the authority of the Southern Fire Authority.

7. The name of the Southern Fire Authority shall be substituted for the name of the Ministry in any instrument, contract or legal proceedings made or commenced before the date of transfer relating to or in connection with any of the functions transferred by this Order, in so far only as may be necessary for the purposes of or in consequence of the transfer.

8. This Order shall take effect on the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and forty-seven.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this twenty-ninth day of December, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, in the presence of

(L.S.) *J. B. O'Neill,*
Assistant Secretary.

ORDER, DATED 29TH DECEMBER, 1947, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION ELEVEN OF THE FIRE SERVICES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1947.

1947. No. 205

The Ministry of Home Affairs, by virtue and in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by section eleven of the Fire Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1947 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act of 1947"), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order :—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Fire Services (Transfer of Functions) (Western Fire Authority) Order (Northern Ireland), 1947.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1921, applies to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

(3) In this Order —

"the Act of 1942" means the Fire Services (Emergency Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland), 1942;

" the Ministry " means the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland ;

" date of transfer " has the same meaning as in the Act of 1947 ; and

" the Western Fire District " and " the Western Fire Authority " have the same meaning as in the Fire Services (Western Fire District and Fire Authority) Order (Northern Ireland), 1947.

2. The functions exercisable immediately before the date of transfer by the National Fire Service (Northern Ireland) in relation to the extinction of fires and the protection of life and property in case of fire in the Western Fire District shall be transferred as from that date to the Western Fire Authority.

3. The contributions to be paid under section three of the Act of 1942 by —

(*a*) the councils of the County of Fermanagh and the County Borough of Londonderry ;

(*b*) the council of the County of Londonderry in respect of so much of the county as is comprised in the Rural Districts of Limavady and Londonderry ;

(*c*) the council of the County of Tyrone in respect of so much of the county as is comprised in the Rural Districts of Castlederg, Clogher, Omagh and Strabane ; and

(*d*) the councils of the urban districts included in the Western Fire District ;

for the local financial year beginning on the first day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, shall each be reduced by one quarter.

4. The standard contributions under the Act of 1947 of the constituent local authorities of the Western Fire District, in respect of the financial year commencing on the first day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, shall be reduced by three-quarters.

5. There shall be transferred to the Western Fire Authority, as from the date of transfer, such property, rights and liabilities held, enjoyed or incurred by the Ministry under or by virtue of the Act of 1942 exclusively for the purposes of the functions transferred to the Western Fire Authority by this Order as are so held, enjoyed or, in the case of liabilities, not fully accrued immediately before the date of transfer, and, accordingly, as from that day, by virtue of this Order, and without more —

(*a*) the said property, real or personal, shall vest in the Western Fire Authority ;

(*b*) the said rights shall be enjoyed by the Western Fire Authority ; and

(*c*) the said liabilities shall become liabilities of the Western Fire Authority.

6. Anything commenced before the date of transfer by or under the authority of the Ministry under or by virtue of the Act of 1942 may, in so far as it relates to any functions transferred by this Order, be carried on or completed by or under the authority of the Western Fire Authority.

7. The name of the Western Fire Authority shall be substituted for the name of the Ministry in any instrument, contract or legal proceedings made or commenced before the date of transfer relating to or in connection with any of the functions transferred by this Order, in so far only as may be necessary for the purposes of or in consequence of the transfer.

8. This Order shall take effect on the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and forty-seven.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this twenty-ninth day of December, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, in the presence of

(L.S.) *J. B. O'Neill,*
Assistant Secretary.

GAS

Rate of Payment

ORDER OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND DATED 8TH JANUARY, 1947, UNDER SECTION 7 OF THE GAS REGULATION ACT, 1920, AS AMENDED BY SECTION 2 OF THE ELECTRICITY AND GAS (EXPENSES) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1923.

1947. No. 2

NOTE :—This Order fixes the rate of payment for gas for the year 1947 to the Ministry of Commerce at six pence for each million cubic feet of gas and being of temporary effect is not printed at length in this volume.
