STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1977 No. 614 (S. 51)

ELECTRICITY

The North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board (Compensation for Smelter Deficits) Order 1977

Laid before the House of Commons in draft

Made - - - - 28*th March* 1977

Coming into Operation 29*th March* 1977

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 1977 and shall come into operation on 29th March 1977.

2. The Interpretation Act 1889(**b**) shall apply for the interpretation of this order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. The sum of £39,020,116 shall be paid by me to the Board in compensation for the accumulated deficits incurred by the Board, including interest charges on monies necessarily borrowed to finance the said deficits, during the period to 31st March 1976 under the contract entered into in 1968 between the Board and the British Aluminium Company Limited for the supply of electricity to the said Company's aluminium reduction plant at Invergordon.

4. The sum of £14,451,311 shall be paid by me to the Board in reimbursement of the contribution of capital and associated interest due by the Board to the South of Scotland Electricity Board, up to and including 18th February 1977, 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 British Aluminium Company Limited for the operation of that Company's aluminium reduction plant at Invergordon.

(**a**) 1976 c. 61. (**b**) 1889 c. 63.

Bruce Millan,

One of Her Majesty's
Principal Secretaries of State.

New St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh.
28th March 1977.

We consent.
28th March 1977.

Donald R. Coleman,

T. E. Graham,

Two of the Lords Commissioners
of Her Majesty's Treasury.

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 in compensation for accumulated deficits and interest thereon incurred by the Board up to 31st March 1976 in supplying electricity to the aluminium reduction plant of the British Aluminium Company Limited at Invergordon, and in reimbursement of the contribution of capital and interest thereon due by the Board to the South of Scotland Electricity Board up to 18th February 1977 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.

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