STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2015 No. 247

ELECTRICITY

Energy (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015

Laid before the Assembly in draft

Made - - - - 13th May 2015

Coming into operation in accordance with Article 1(1)

The Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 56(1) of the Energy (Northern Ireland) Order 2003(**1**).

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Energy (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015 and shall come into operation on the day after the day on which it is made.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 (c.33)(**2**) applies to this Order as it applies to an Act of the Assembly.

Amendment of the Energy (Northern Ireland) Order 2003

2.—(1) After Article 55E of the Energy (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 insert—

"**Renewables obligation closure order**

55EA.—(1) The Department may make a renewables obligation closure order.

(2) A renewables obligation closure order is an order which provides that no renewables obligation certificates are to be issued under a renewables obligation order in respect of electricity generated after a specified date.

(3) Provision made under paragraph (2) may specify different dates in relation to different cases or circumstances.

(4) The cases or circumstances mentioned in paragraph (2) may in particular be described by reference to—

(a) accreditation of a generating station, or

(b) the addition of generating capacity to a generating station.

(**1**) S.I. 2003/419 (N.I.6): see Article 2(2) for the definition of "the Department" and see section 55(4) of the Energy Act 2013
(**2**) 1954 c.33 (N.I.)