STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1996 No. 216 (C. 8)

GAS

Gas (1996 Order) (Commencement) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996

Made - - - - 29th May 1996

The Department of Economic Development, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 1(2) and (3) of the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996(**1**) and paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974(**2**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Gas (1996 Order) (Commencement) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996.

(2) In this Order:—

"the 1977 Order" means the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1977(**3**);

"the 1996 Order" means the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996; and

"the Street Works Order" means the Street Works (Northern Ireland) Order 1995(**4**).

Commencement

2. Subject to Articles 3 and 4, the provisions of the 1996 Order shall come into operation on 10th June 1996.

Transitional provisions

3. Article 35 of the 1996 Order shall not have effect in relation to any works for the construction of a major pipeline executed before 10th December 1996 and accordingly a person may execute such works without the consent of the Director provided that—

(a) the Director may grant a consent under that Article in relation to any works which are, or are expected to be, executed on or after that date; and

(**1**) S.I.1996/275 (N.I. 2)
(**2**) 1974 c. 28
(**3**) S.I. 1977/596 (N.I. 7)
(**4**) S.I. 1995/3210 (N.I. 19)