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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

## ENERGY ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2011

## INTRODUCTION

## **BACKGROUND AND POLICY OBJECTIVES**

Special administration regime for the electricity and gas sector

Guaranteed standards of performance by gas companies

Provision for deemed contracts between gas companies and customers

Extension of existing powers of entry into premises for gas companies

Other policy objectives

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