STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2012 No. 671

ELECTRICITY

The Feed-in Tariffs (Specified Maximum Capacity and Functions) (Amendment) Order 2012

Made - - - - 5th March 2012

Laid before Parliament 8th March 2012

Coming into force - - 1st April 2012

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 43(3)(a) and 104(2) of the Energy Act 2008(1), makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

- **1.**—(1) This Order may be cited as the Feed-in Tariffs (Specified Maximum Capacity and Functions) (Amendment) Order 2012.
 - (2) This Order comes into force on 1st April 2012.

Amendment

2. In article 5A of the Feed-in Tariffs (Specified Maximum Capacity and Functions) Order 2010(2) (accreditation of hydro generating stations with a capacity of 50 kilowatts or less), in paragraph (2)(a), for "31st March 2012" substitute "30th September 2012".

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Minister of State
Department of Energy and Climate Change

Date 5th March 2012

^{(1) 2008} c.32.

⁽²⁾ S.I. 2010/678, as amended by S.I. 2011/1181, S.I. 2011/1655 and S.I. 2011/2364.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Feed-in Tariffs (Specified Maximum Capacity and Functions) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/678) ("the 2010 Order").

The 2010 Order gives functions to the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority in connection with the administration of the feed-in tariffs scheme for small-scale low carbon electricity generation. Article 2 amends article 5A of the 2010 Order (as inserted by S.I. 2011/1181 and previously amended by S.I. 2011/1655) to extend the period of application of a temporary provision enabling hydro generating stations with a declared net capacity of 50 kilowatts or less to be accredited for feed-in tariffs where, if such stations had a declared net capacity exceeding 50 kilowatts, they would meet the requirements for accreditation under the Renewables Obligation. As amended, the provision now applies to eligible hydro generating installations commissioned on or before 30th September 2012.

An impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no impact on the private or voluntary sectors is foreseen.