

## The Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation

## DIRECTION AND PUBLIC NOTICE CONCERNING THE MAXIMUM RESALE PRICES FOR ELECTRICITY AND GAS

Following consultation, and in pursuance of its powers under Article 47 (2) of the Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 ("Electricity Order") and Article 24 (2) of the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 ("Gas Order"), the Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation hereby gives notice (pursuant to the Electricity Order) and directs (pursuant to the Gas Order):

THAT a pass-through rule shall apply which shall govern and fix the maximum resale prices at which (i) electricity supplied to a consumer's premises by an authorised electricity supplier ("qualifying electricity") and (ii) gas supplied to a consumer's premises by an authorised gas supplier ("qualifying gas"), may be resold. In effect, the pass-through rule provides that the re-sale unit price shall be the same unit price as that paid by the original consumer for the relevant qualifying electricity or qualifying gas as the case may be.

By virtue of Article 47 (4) of the Electricity Order and Article 24 (5) of the Gas Order, if any person (such as a landlord or caravan-park owner for example) resells qualifying electricity or qualifying gas at a price which exceeds those prices as determined and fixed under this Direction and Public Notice, the amount of the excess shall be recoverable by the person to whom the qualifying electricity or qualifying gas was resold.

The above noted pass through rule (and all resultant maximum resale prices) shall have effect from 6<sup>th</sup> September 2007.

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