

## CONSERVATION OF ENERGY ON BRITISH RAILWAYS

Factors affecting the future price and availability of oil and electricity are discussed, and it is shown that the price of diesel fuel is likely to remain high relative to electricity in both the short and long term.

The report also considers a number of measures which could be taken to conserve supplies of diesel fuel oil and other oil-based products on BR. Less immediately, there are possibilities for major savings in fuel and electricity.

The report argues that in the long term, the price and availability of diesel fuel oil will strengthen the case for increased electrification, so that particular attention should be paid to ways of reducing electricity consumption and costs in railway traction.