***CfD Market Readiness – Working Group 2: Code of Practice***

**Gating Criteria**

*Discussion Document*

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This discussion document sets out some of the key criteria which the group consider potential projects will need to meet in order to qualify for acceptance onto the PPA Notice Board.

For the avoidance of doubt these criteria should not act as an obstacle preventing potential generators from contacting offtakers via the notice board in order to have provisional discussions about their projects. Instead, these criteria are intended to be thresholds which potential projects [must / should aim to] meet before requests for offers can be made to offtakers.

**Status of Project**

Before a project is eligible to be posted on the notice board it is reasonable to expect that it should have reached certain development milestones. Further, the generator should be able to point, with a degree of certainty, to an expected PPA signing date within [12] months of posting on the notice board.

Key Milestones:

* **Consents** – We expect that the generator should have key consents in place (planning, Section 36...) before posting their project onto the notice board.
* **Grid** – We would expect that a generator would have made an application for a grid connection before posting their project to the notice board. However we would not expect that a firm grid offer would be a pre-requisite here.
* **[CFD]** *-* Until there is further clarity on the process of application for and award of CfD contracts we do not propose to stipulate any requirements here. We note however that, subject to the timetable for this process, offtakers may prefer the generator to be able to demonstrate some form of progress towards CfD award before posting their projects on the notice board.

**Information Requirements**

We would expect there to be a defined level of information which generators must provide when posting projects to the notice board. We have set out below some indicative items for consideration.

1. Seller Counterparty Details
   1. Contracting Company Name (Address, Company No. etc.)
   2. Ultimate owners
   3. JV or SPV structures
2. Project Details
   1. Location
   2. Technology
   3. Expected Output (per annum and shape)
   4. Progress (Where are they in the process?)
3. Credit/Finance Aspects
   1. Requirement for Direct Agreement
4. Key Commercial Terms Required
   1. Duration (including start date and estimated commercial operations date)
   2. Pricing Structure
   3. Imbalance Risk
5. Any Other Required Terms