

[REDACTED] (Energy Development)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 November 2012 09:48
To: [REDACTED] (Energy Development)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: WELSH SPEAKERS

Thanks for your e-mail. It was just a quick call yesterday to check whether anyone had indicated they wanted to speak Welsh at the meeting. If they had we would have needed to arrange translation facilities. However, as nobody has indicated that they wish to speak Welsh there will be no need to arrange such facilities.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Swyddog Arweiniol Gweithdrefn a Chefnogi Busnes
The Planning Inspectorate/Yr Arolygiaeth Gynllunio
Crown Buildings/Adeiladau'r Goron
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From: [REDACTED] (Energy Development) [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: 22 November 2012 09:38
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: WELSH SPEAKERS

[REDACTED] ci [REDACTED]

We have been having some problems with our telephone system the last couple of days and I've just come across a 'new voicemail message' from you asking about Welsh speakers. I'm not sure how 'new' the message is, but as I think I previously confirmed either to you or [REDACTED] in a recent telephone conversation, I can only recall seeing one objection letter in Welsh. I can also confirm that none of the main parties have communicated with me in Welsh.

Regards,



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Robert (Energy Development)

From:

Sent:

To:

Subject:

21 November 2012 14:41

(Energy Development)
Mid Wales Wind Farms

Just to let you know that I have spoken with the Inspector this morning and we will talk more tomorrow.

However, he is putting together an Agenda for the Introductory/Exploratory meeting which he will send by close of play today with a copy to you for any comment before I send it out to all those on the list and subsequent email senders you have copied me on. There will be two versions. One for the meeting and an expanded version for our eyes and yours only. (Basically what he is going to say).
Hope this makes sense

Kind Regards

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[REDACTED] (Energy Development)

From: [REDACTED] (Energy Development)
Sent: 19 November 2012 11:27
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] (Energy Development)
Subject: MID-WALES INQUIRY -INSPECTOR'S MINUTE OF APPOINTMENT
Attachments: Inspector's Minute of Appointment.pdf

[REDACTED]

I thought it might be helpful for the Inspector to have a formal minute of appointment in advance of next week's introductory meeting. As I am attending, I will also bring the original hard copy with me and give it to the Inspector before the meeting.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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To:
Subject:
Attachments:

05 December 2012 13:03
(Energy Development)
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Please see attached my full contact list so far. This is a combination of the contacts you provided before the Introductory meeting and all those who gave me contacts at that meeting.

Many thanks

NOTE: CONTACT LIST NOT PROVIDED, AS DETAILS REDACTED

(Energy Development)

From:
Sent: 05 December 2012 10:09
To: (Energy Development)
Subject: Re: Powys Wind Farm Conjoined Public Inquiry - Notes of Introductory Meeting
Importance: High

Hi

I only got the notes yesterday from the Inspector, so yes. I spoke to [redacted] at [redacted] yesterday and for some reason, chinese whispers, he thought the notes had been sent out! I reassured him he's not missing out on anything.

The notes have been sent to everyone who gave me their details at the meeting. The contact list attached is only the main parties lead contact, as requested by the Inspector. For the notice, I'll send you all the e-mail addresses I have collected to date, just adapting the spreadsheet now.

Many thanks

On 5 Dec 2012, at 10:06, [redacted] wrote:

(Energy Development)" <[redacted]@decc.gsi.gov.uk>

Has this only just been sent out to all parties? The reason I ask is that I have a voicemail message from Vattenfall who think they might have been missing out on some information that has been provided by us.

From: [REDACTED] (mailto:[REDACTED])
Sent: 05 December 2012 10:00
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Powys Wind Farm Conjoined Public Inquiry -- Notes of Introductory Meeting

Dear all

Conjoined Public Inquiry

Notes of the Exploratory / Introductory Meeting, Wednesday 29 November 2012

As promised the notes from the Inspector are attached plus a list of primary contacts for all parties.

The website address has been set up but the text is not final & no documents have been uploaded as yet. This work will start this week & I'll update you in due course. Please make a note of the address for your records: [REDACTED] WYS

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] (Energy Development)

From: [REDACTED] (Energy Development)
Sent: 05 December 2012 09:54
To: [REDACTED] (Energy Development), [REDACTED] (Energy Development)
Cc: [REDACTED] (Energy Development)
Subject: RE: Mid-Wales Inquiry
Attachments: MID-WALES INQUIRY NOTICE Merger Letter.doc; Notification Mid-Wales Conjoined Inquiry.doc; Registration form Mid-Wales inquiry.doc; MID-WALES INQUIRY NOTICE Letter to applicants.doc; MID-WALES INQUIRY NOTICE Letter to other main parties.doc

Importance: High

[REDACTED] cc [REDACTED]

Further to my e-mail message below, I should be grateful for any comments you/the Inspector has as soon as possible on the attached notice, registration form and covering letters to: i) objectors, supporters and DECC's other consultees; ii) applicants; and iii) other main parties (i.e. Powys Council, CCW and the various local action groups). As I indicated, I would like to get the documentation copied etc and ready for issue early next week.

I understand you were also going to check what the requirements are/normal practice for translating inquiry documents into Welsh (e.g. the notice, registration form and local newspaper notice) and have access to a translation service to do this if necessary.

As I will also need to notify the main parties (some of whom may or may not be on our list of application objectors), I should be grateful if [REDACTED] could provide an up-to-date contact list.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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Tel. [REDACTED]
E-mail: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 December 2012 13:12
To: [REDACTED] (Energy Development)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Mid-Wales Inquiry -ESS

Afternoon [REDACTED]

Thanks for the update.

I'm currently waiting for further instructions on the ES front. We are speaking to colleagues in Bristol for clarification on some points. As soon as I've heard from them I'll let you know.

Hope that's ok.

Kind regards

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From: [REDACTED] (Energy Development) [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: 04 December 2012 13:03
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Mid-Wales Inquiry -ESs

[REDACTED] ci [REDACTED]

It was good to meet you last week.

Please can you confirm whether or not you still require as soon as possible the hard copies of the ESs/SEIs for the 6 Mid-Wales applications? I know you mentioned after the Introductory Meeting getting someone in the Planning Inspectorate to check them for compliance with the relevant Regulations, but should be grateful if you would confirm. If you don't need them now, I will just include when we box up and send the rest of the application documents in due course.

Also, just to update you, I am currently clearing the Notice, Registration Form and covering letter to objectors/supporters with my Legal advisor. I hope to get a response back from him this week and will then send the documents to you for any final comments by the Inspector before we send the documents out (which realistically I expect to be sometime next week).

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (SECTION 90)**

Application by Vattenfall dated 30 November 2007 for consent to construct and operate a 59.5MW Wind Turbine Generating Station in Powys, Mid-Wales ("Llanbadarn Fynydd")

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In accordance with Rule 6(1) of the Electricity Generating Stations and Overhead Lines (Inquiries Procedure) (England and Wales) Rules 2007, the Secretary of State is required to send to each person entitled to appear at the combined public inquiry into the above applications or whom he knows to have an interest in one or more of the proposals: i) a copy of the statement sent by the Secretary of State under Rule 4(1)(c), which in his view are the matters to be considered at the inquiry; and ii) a registration form.

As you have previously made a representation on the application(s), I enclose a copy of the following:

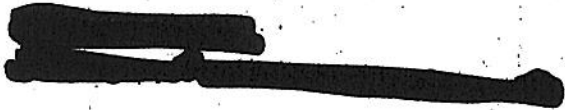
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- (i) a notice containing details of the combined public inquiry, pre-inquiry meeting(s) and the Secretary of State's statement of matters under Rule 4(1)(c); and
- (ii) a registration form, to be completed if you wish to participate in the public inquiry.

Yours sincerely,

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DECC Ref: 12.04.09.04/149C
Your Ref:

Main party details

7 December 2012

Dear *****

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Yours sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

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Your Ref:

Applicant details

7 December 2012

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Your attention is drawn to the requirements of Rules 6 and 9 of the Electricity Generating Stations and Overhead Lines (Inquiries Procedures)(England and Wales) Rules 2007 concerning publicity to be given for the pre-inquiry meeting and notices to be served. Your attention is also drawn to the requirements of Paragraph 4 of Schedule 8 to the Electricity Act 1989 concerning publicity to be given to the main inquiry. As you are aware, the Inspector indicated at the Introductory Meeting his wish for the applicants to publish by local advertisement a single notice covering all six applications (i.e. rather than individual notices for each application).

Yours sincerely,

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**ELECTRICITY ACT 1989 (SECTIONS 36, 37, 62(3) & SCHEDULE 8):
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (SECTION 90):**

**APPLICATION BY VATTENFALL DATED 30 NOVEMBER 2007 FOR
CONSENT TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A 59.5MW WIND TURBINE
GENERATING STATION IN POWYS, MID-WALES ("LLANBADARN
FNYDD")**

**APPLICATION BY FFERM WYNT LLAITHDDU CYF DATED 7 MAY 2008
FOR CONSENT TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A 66.7MW WIND
TURBINE GENERATING STATION IN POWYS, MID-WALES
("LLAITHDDU")**

**APPLICATION BY CELTPOWER LIMITED DATED 9 MAY 2008 FOR
CONSENT TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A 126MW WIND TURBINE
GENERATING STATION IN POWYS, MID-WALES ("LLANDINAM")**

**APPLICATION BY RES UK & IRELAND LIMITED DATED 27 MARCH 2009
FOR CONSENT TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A 100 MW WIND
TURBINE GENERATING STATION IN POWYS, MID-WALES
("LLANBRYNMAIR")**

**APPLICATION BY RWE NPOWER RENEWABLES LIMITED DATED 11
DECEMBER 2008 FOR CONSENT TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A
130-250MW WIND TURBINE GENERATING STATION IN POWYS, MID-
WALES ("CARNEDD WEN")**

**APPLICATION BY SP MANWEB PLC DATED 2 DECEMBER 2009 FOR
CONSENT TO INSTALL AND KEEP INSTALLED A 132KV OVERHEAD
ELECTRIC LINE CONNECTION FROM THE PROPOSED LLANDINAM
WIND FARM TO WELSHPOOL SUBSTATION**

Notice that a combined public inquiry is to be held

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE hereby gives notice that a combined public inquiry ("the inquiry") under section 62(3) and Schedule 8 of the Electricity Act 1989 ("the 1989 Act") will be held into the above-mentioned applications made under sections 36 and 37 of the 1989 Act ("the applications") and the applications for directions under section 90 for directions that planning permission be deemed to be granted for each of the above-mentioned proposed developments.

The applications were made to the Secretary of State by the above-mentioned Companies between 2007 and 2009. They consist of proposals to construct and operate onshore wind generating stations with installed capacities ranging between 59.5MW and 130-250MW on land located in with Strategic Search Areas B and C (as identified in Technical Advice Note 8: Planning for Renewable Energy (2005)) in the County of Powys in Mid-Wales and to install and keep installed a 132kV overhead electric line connection between the proposed Llandinam Wind Farm and Welshpool Substation in the County of Powys in Mid-Wales.

The Secretary of State has appointed Mr Andrew Poulter BA, BArch, RIBA an Inspector in Planning Inspectorate Wales, to hold the inquiry on his behalf.

The procedure to be followed at the inquiry into the applications is governed by the Electricity Generating Stations and Overhead Lines (Inquiries Procedure) (England and Wales) Rules 2007 ("the Inquiry Rules").¹

This notice is given under rules 4(1), and 14 of the Inquiry Rules. It also includes information about registering to participate in the inquiry, given under rule 6(1).

Notice that there will be a pre-inquiry meeting

A pre-inquiry meeting under rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules will be held at 10.00 a.m. on Monday 18 February 2013 and 10.00 a.m. Monday 25 February 2013 at The Pavilion, Spa Road, Llandrindod Wells, Powys LD1 5EY.

Subject to any duly notified variation of the date, time or place fixed for holding the inquiry under rule 14(4) or (5) of the Inquiry Rules, the inquiry itself will commence at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday 4 June 2013. The venue(s) for the inquiry will be confirmed in due course. Rule 14(1)(a) of the Inquiry Rules requires the inquiry to start no later than ten weeks after the conclusion of the pre-inquiry meeting unless the Secretary of State considers such a date impracticable. However, given the complexity of the combined public inquiry, the Secretary of State considers it appropriate to allow further time under rule 24 of the Inquiry Rules.

Statement of matters to be considered at the inquiry

Rule 4(1)(c) of the Inquiry Rules requires the Secretary of State, in giving notice that an inquiry is to be held, to provide a statement of the matters which, in his view, are the matters to be considered at the inquiry.

In the view of the Secretary of State, on the information so far available to him, the following matters, which appear to him likely to be relevant to his consideration of the proposed wind farm developments, are the matters to be considered at the inquiry:

¹ Available at http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2007/841/pdfs/ukxi_20070841_en.pdf or <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2007/841/made>.

1. *the extent to which the proposed developments are consistent with the objectives of the Government Policy on the energy mix and maintaining a secure and reliable supply of electricity as the UK makes the transition to a low carbon economy, and achieving climate change goals*;*
2. *the extent to which the proposed developments are consistent with the policies relating to generation of renewable energy contained within the relevant National Policy Statements for Energy Infrastructure: Overarching National Policy Statement for Energy (EN-1) July 2011 and National Policy Statement for Renewable Energy Infrastructure (EN-3) July 2011;*
3. *the extent to which the proposed developments are consistent with Welsh Government and local policies: including Planning Policy Wales, Edition 4 (2011); Technical Advice Note 8: Planning for Renewable Energy (2005); and Energy Wales: A Low Carbon Transition (2012); and Powys Unitary Development Plan (adopted March 2010);*
4. *the individual and combined landscape and visual impact of the proposed developments taking into account the proximity to Snowdonia National Park (Strategic Search Area B); and cumulative impact with other wind farms in the Powys area which have already been granted planning permission or where planning permission has been applied for;*
5. *the individual and combined impact of construction traffic on the surrounding locality, including transportation access routes and traffic management; taking into account the cumulative impact with other wind farms in the Powys area which have already been granted planning permission or where planning permission has been applied for;*
6. *the individual and combined impact of noise generated during construction and from the operation of the proposed developments taking into account the cumulative impact with other wind farms in the Powys area which have already been granted planning permission or where planning permission has been applied for;*
7. *the individual and cumulative impact of the proposed developments on biodiversity, including the ecological functioning of European Protected Sites (e.g. the River Wye Special Area for Conservation (SAC), Berwyn Special Protection Area (SPA) and South Clwyd Mountains SAC); impacts on European Protected Species under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (as amended) "(the Habitats Regulations)"; and the likely effectiveness of proposed mitigation measures;*

8. *the individual and combined social and economic impact of the proposed developments, including on tourism;*
 9. *the potential impact of the proposed developments on human health;*
 10. *the impact of the proposed developments on cultural heritage;*
 11. *the individual and combined impact of the proposed developments on aviation;*
 12. *the impact of the proposed developments on hydrology and hydrogeology, to include impacts on sensitive water features (streams, ponds, wetlands); impacts on private water supplies; fisheries and watercourses; and impacts on groundwater; and the likely effectiveness of proposed mitigation measures;*
 13. *the impact of the proposed developments on peat;*
 14. *the potential for the proposed developments to be connected to the electricity grid network (DECC document 'The consenting process for onshore generating stations above 50MW in England and Wales: a guidance note on Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 refers')²; and*
- 14-15. *any other matter the Inspector considers relevant.*

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In the view of the Secretary of State, on the information so far available to him, the following matters, which appear to him likely to be relevant to his consideration of the proposed overhead electric line development, are the matters to be considered at the inquiry:

1. *the extent to which SP Manweb's proposal including any alternatives considered are consistent with Welsh Government and local policies: including Planning Policy Wales, Edition 4 (2011); Technical Advice Note 8: Planning for Renewable Energy (2005); and Energy Wales: A Low Carbon Transition (2012); and Powys Unitary Development Plan (adopted March 2010);*
2. *the extent to which the proposed development is consistent with the objectives of the Government's policy on the energy mix and maintaining a secure and reliable supply of electricity as the UK makes the transition to a low carbon economy, and achieving climate change goals;³*

² http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/meeting_energy/consents_planning/guidance/guidance.aspx

³ *For a description of these objectives and their significance in connection with the development of new energy infrastructure, reference should be made during the inquiry to the most recent Annual

3. *the extent to which the proposed development is consistent with the policies relating to electricity networks infrastructure and also the generation of renewable energy contained within the relevant National Policy Statements for Energy Infrastructure, Overarching National Policy Statement for Energy (EN-1) July 2011, National Policy Statement for Electricity Networks Infrastructure (EN-5) July 2011 and National Policy Statement for Renewable Energy Infrastructure (EN-3) July 2011;*
4. *the relative merits of the proposed development and any alternatives considered, including consideration of undergrounding, in addressing the requirement to maintain security of supply (the Need);*
5. *the potential impact of the proposed development on human health;*
6. *the social and economic impact of the proposed development, including on tourism;*
7. *the relative merits of the proposed development, any alternatives considered and likely effectiveness of mitigation measures to address:*

a) the landscape and visual impact of the proposed development, both individually and cumulatively with existing energy infrastructure and any energy infrastructure which has already been granted planning permission or where planning permission has been applied for, including impact on the Vale of Montgomery Landscape of Outstanding Historic Interest in Wales, Areas of Special Landscape Character and Kerry Ridgeway Regional Path, Severn Way Regional Path and the National Cycle Route near Welshpool Substation;

b) the impact of the proposed development during construction and operation on biodiversity, including trees and hedgerows and the ecological functioning of protected sites (e.g. River Wye Special Area of Conservation and Leighton Bats Site of Special Scientific Interest); impacts on European Protected Species under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (as amended) (the Habitats Regulations”);

c) the impact of the proposed development on the use and enjoyment of land in the vicinity, including farming activities and on users of Rights of Way, including the Kerry Ridgeway Regional Path, Severn Way Regional Path and the National Cycle Path near Welshpool; and

d) *the impact of the proposed development on cultural heritage;*
and

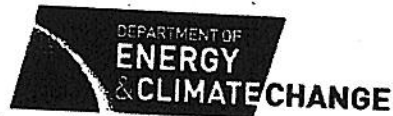
8. *any other matters that the Inspector considers relevant.*

Registration

Anyone who wishes to participate in the inquiry should complete the registration form attached and return it along with two copies of their outline statement (a written statement of the principal submissions they wish to make) to the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (e-mail: [REDACTED]) by no later than Monday 21 January 2013.

Comment [12]: See comment about delivery mechanisms on draft registration form



COMBINED PUBLIC INQUIRY REGISTRATION FORM

ELECTRICITY ACT 1989 (SECTIONS 36, 37, 62(3) AND SCHEDULE 8)

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Application by RES UK & Ireland Limited dated 27 March 2009 for consent to construct and operate a 100 MW Wind Turbine Generating Station in Powys, Mid-Wales ("Llanbrynmair")

Application by RWE Npower Renewables Limited dated 11 December 2008 for consent to construct and operate a 130-250MW Wind Turbine Generating Station in Powys, Mid-Wales ("Carnedd Wen")

Application by SP Manweb plc dated 2 December 2009 to install and keep installed a 132kV overhead electric line connection from Llandinam Wind Farm to Welshpool Substation in Powys, Mid-Wales

The Electricity Generating Stations and Overhead Lines (Inquiries Procedure) (England and Wales) Rules 2007 (the Rules) apply to inquiries into applications under sections 36, 37 and 62(3) of the Electricity Act 1989.

This registration form is for completion by anyone who wishes to participate in the combined public inquiry into the above applications made under section 36 and section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989. The information provided will assist arrangements for programming the inquiry. Your entitlement or ability to participate in certain stages of the inquiry process may, in some circumstances,

CONTACT DETAILS

Name	
If an organisation or company, name of contact person	
Address	
Telephone/mobile number(s) (at which you may be reached between 8.30am and 8.30pm)	

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Please note that by providing an e-mail address(es) you are agreeing to receive inquiry documents and notices by e-mail. If you subsequently no longer wish to receive documents and notices in this manner, you should notify the Programme Officer of this in writing.

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The Rules require written notification of certain inquiry matters (namely notice of the date, time and place for the holding of an inquiry and of any re-opening of the inquiry and notice of the decision on the application and reasons for it) to be given to certain persons. If you are to be notified of these matters, do you agree that instead of written notification, you may be notified of the details of the website upon which the notice in question has been published?

Yes/No

INTEREST IN LAND

Do you have an interest in any land which will be affected by the proposal(s)?	Yes/No
If so, please specify the nature of the interest in the land (e.g. freehold, leasehold, tenancy etc)?

PARTICIPATION AT THE INQUIRY

Are you/your organisation likely to want to be formally represented and to play a major part in the inquiry (e.g. by calling witnesses and/or, if the Inspector allows it, cross-examining other parties and their witnesses)?	Yes/No
If not, will you/your organisation wish to give oral evidence at the inquiry? If yes, how long do you anticipate your evidence will take?	Yes/No
If neither of the above, will you/your organisation wish only to submit representations in writing?	Yes/No
Do you wish to attend the Pre-Inquiry Meeting(s)	Yes/No

If you wish to be represented at the inquiry, please complete the details of your representative or any agent acting on your behalf below:

Name of representative / agent			
Address			
Tel No		Fax No	
Email address			
Name of Counsel (if any)			

OUTLINE STATEMENT (two copies to be attached)

When you return this form, you should include two copies of your outline statement. This is a written statement of the principal submissions which a person proposes to put forward at an inquiry. It will be sent to some of the other inquiry participants. See Appendix 1, paragraphs 17 – 20 to the Guidance for Participants for further information about outline statements.

SIGNATURE

The information provided in this form will be used to compile a register of participants. This register will be sent to certain participants and copies of it will be made available for public inspection on request. By completing and returning this form, you are agreeing to the use of the information in this manner.

The Department of Energy and Climate Change and Inspector will process your data in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

Signed Date

Please now return this form, including two copies of your outline statement.

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The 2007 Inquiry Rules are available at -
<http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2007/20070841.htm>

If you require a large print version of this form, please phone
[REDACTED] National Infrastructure Consents Team,
Department of Energy and Climate Change - [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (Energy Development)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED] 04 December 2012 13:12
Cc: [REDACTED] (Energy Development)
Subject: [REDACTED] RE: Mid-Wales Inquiry -ESs

'Afternoon [REDACTED]

Thanks for the update.

I'm currently waiting for further instructions on the ES front. We are speaking to colleagues in Bristol for clarification on some points. As soon as I've heard from them I'll let you know.

Hope that's ok.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Swyddog Arweiniol Gweithdrefn a Chefnogi Busnes
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From: [REDACTED] (Energy Development) [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: 04 December 2012 13:03

To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Mid-Wales Inquiry -ESs

[REDACTED] ci [REDACTED]

It was good to meet you last week.

Please can you confirm whether or not you still require as soon as possible the hard copies of the ESs/SEIs for the 6 Mid-Wales applications? I know you mentioned after the Introductory Meeting getting someone in the Planning Inspectorate to check them for compliance with the relevant Regulations, but should be grateful if you would confirm. If you don't need them now, I will just include when we box up and send the rest of the application documents in due course.

Also, just to update you, I am currently clearing the Notice, Registration Form and covering letter to objectors/supporters with my Legal advisor. I hope to get a response back from him this week and will then send the documents to you for any final comments by the Inspector before we send the documents out (which realistically I expect to be sometime next week).

Regards,

[Redacted]

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From:
Sent:
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27 November 2012 13:25

[REDACTED] (Energy Development); [REDACTED]
Re: Mid Wales (Powys) Conjoined Wind Farms Public Inquiry - Agenda for the
Introductory/Exploratory Meeting

Dear [REDACTED]

I have liaised with the Inspector on this matter. The purpose of the Introductory meeting tomorrow is to explain and discuss the structure of the Inquiry. Although copies of the draft Statement of Matters will be available tomorrow, the matters themselves will not be discussed. The opportunity for that will of course come later.

Regards

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[REDACTED]
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On 26 Nov 2012, at 21:59, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]> wrote:

[REDACTED]

would be much more helpful if the Secretary of State could issue his Statement of Matters before the meeting on 3 November. This would allow all parties to consider the issues highlighted by the Secretary of State and take instructions, as appropriate, before the meeting. This would help the meeting run more smoothly than if the statement is just handed out on the day and parties have not had a chance to consider the issues properly.

Regards

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[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
From: [REDACTED]mailto:[REDACTED]

Sent: 23 November 2012 16:27

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Mid Wales (Powys) Conjoined Wind Farms Public Inquiry - Agenda for the Introductory/Exploratory Meeting

Dear All,

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I am on holiday from today for 3 weeks so [REDACTED] will be attending the Exploratory/Introductory meeting on the 28th November 2012 on my behalf and will be available to answer any questions that you may have whilst I am away. [REDACTED] will make herself known as you enter the venue room. We are here to help all parties engage fully with the process so feel free to contact us with any questions that you may have. We would like to use email as the prime method of communication as this is quick and efficient from a cost viewpoint.. If you prefer paper then please let us know..

I have attached for your information the Inspectors Agenda for the meeting. Copies of the Secretary of State's Statement of Matters will be available at the meeting and at least a couple of copies of the Inquiry Rules will be available to browse.

Once the official notice of Inquiry has been published by DECC we will have available an Independent Inquiry website managed by us where all of the relevant documents and latest news will be available for download.

Please find our contact details as below.

I trust you find this helpful.

Thanks and Kind Regards

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Mid Wales (Powys) Conjoined Wind Farm PI
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[Redacted] (Energy Development)

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 27 November 2012 09:44
To: [Redacted] (Energy Development)
Subject: RE: Mid Wales (Powys) Conjoined Wind Farms Public Inquiry - Agenda for the Introductory/Exploratory Meeting

Cheers [Redacted]

[Redacted]
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From: [Redacted] (Energy Development) [mailto:[Redacted]]
Sent: 27 November 2012 09:41
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: Mid Wales (Powys) Conjoined Wind Farms Public Inquiry - Agenda for the Introductory/Exploratory Meeting

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From: [Redacted] [mailto:[Redacted]]
Sent: 27 November 2012 09:35
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted] (Energy Development); [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Mid Wales (Powys) Conjoined Wind Farms Public Inquiry - Agenda for the Introductory/Exploratory Meeting

Dear [Redacted]

This is to let you know that the following people from CCW will be attending the introductory meeting tomorrow:

[Redacted]

regards,

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] [mailto:[Redacted]]
Sent: 23 November 2012 16:27
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Mid Wales (Powys) Conjoined Wind Farms Public Inquiry - Agenda for the Introductory/Exploratory Meeting

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[I trust you find this helpful.

Thanks and Kind Regards

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**ELECTRICITY ACT 1989 (SECTIONS 36, 37, 62(3) & SCHEDULE 8)
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (SECTION 90)
THE ELECTRICITY GENERATING STATIONS AND OVERHEAD LINES
(INQUIRIES PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND AND WALES) RULES 2007**

1. APPLICATION BY VATTENFALL DATED 30 NOVEMBER 2007 FOR CONSENT UNDER SECTION 36 OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT 1989 TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A 59.5MW WIND TURBINE GENERATING STATION IN POWYS, MID-WALES ("LLANBADARN FNYDD")
2. APPLICATION BY FFERM WYNT LLAITHDDU CYF DATED 7 MAY 2008 FOR CONSENT UNDER SECTION 36 OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT 1989 TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A 66.7MW WIND TURBINE GENERATING STATION IN POWYS, MID-WALES ("LLAITHDDU")
3. APPLICATION BY CELTPower LIMITED DATED 9 MAY 2008 FOR CONSENT UNDER SECTION 36 OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT 1989 TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A 126MW WIND TURBINE GENERATING STATION IN POWYS, MID-WALES ("LLANDINAM")
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5. APPLICATION BY RWE NPOWER RENEWABLES LIMITED DATED 11 DECEMBER 2008 FOR CONSENT UNDER SECTION 36 OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT 1989 TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A 130-250MW WIND TURBINE GENERATING STATION IN POWYS, MID-WALES ("CARNEDD WEN")
6. APPLICATION BY SP MANWEB PLC DATED 2 DECEMBER 2009 FOR CONSENT UNDER SECTION 37 OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT 1989 TO INSTALL AND KEEP INSTALLED A 132KV OVERHEAD ELECTRIC LINE CONNECTION FROM THE PROPOSED LLANDINAM WIND FARM TO WELSHPOOL SUBSTATION

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE hereby appoints Mr Andrew Poulter BA, BArch, RIBA an Inspector in Planning Inspectorate Wales, to hold a conjoined public inquiry on his behalf in connection with the above six applications for consent under either section 36 or section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 and for a direction under section 90(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 ("section 90 direction") that planning permission for the Developments be deemed to be granted.

Dated: 19 November 2012



Giles Scott
Head of National Infrastructure Consents Team
Department of Energy and Climate Change

[REDACTED] (Energy Development)

From: [REDACTED] (Energy Development)
Sent: 19 November 2012 13:56
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] (Energy Development); [REDACTED] (Energy Development)
Subject: RE: MID-WALES CONJOINED INQUIRY
Attachments: MID-WALES INQUIRY NOTE TO INSPECTOR.docx

[REDACTED]

Further to my e-mail message below, I attach a revised note to the Inspector covering the likely Statement of Matters (i.e. should the Inspector decide he wishes to hand out to main parties at the meeting and in advance of the formal notice being issued by the Secretary of State to interested parties etc in due course).

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] National Infrastructure Consents Team
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Tel: [REDACTED]
E-mail: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] (Energy Development)
Sent: 15 November 2012 12:31
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] (Energy Development); [REDACTED] (Energy Development)
Subject: MID-WALES CONJOINED INQUIRY

Dear [REDACTED] and [REDACTED],

I attach a draft notice and registration form in respect of the above. You will see that the notice includes the Statement of Matters for the wind farms and overhead line, which in the Secretary of State's view, are matters to be considered at the Inquiry.

Although our Minister has now agreed with the Statement of Matters, you will appreciate that we are not yet in a position to issue to interested parties until we can include more details of the pre-inquiry meeting and inquiry (i.e. times, dates and venues). However, given that some parties have complained that there is insufficient time between to pre-inquiry meeting and inquiry to prepare evidence, I will leave it to the Inspector to decide whether he considers it would be helpful/beneficial to make the matters known to the main parties attending the introductory meeting or if there is precedent for doing this. Albeit this would obviously need to be set out in a different format, it could, for example, be presented by the Inspector along the lines of "Although the Secretary of State is not yet in a position to issue formal notice of the pre-inquiry meeting and