

# **Offshore Renewables Decommissioning**

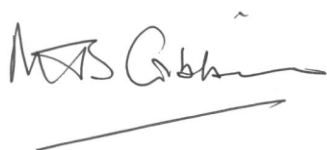
## **Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy**

### **Non-qualifying regulatory provision assurance statement: confirmed**

The Regulatory Policy Committee (RPC) is content that, on the basis of the summary information provided, none of the measures or activities covered in the summary document should be considered as qualifying regulatory provisions for the purposes of the business impact target. The RPC has not been asked to provide a detailed view on any specific activity in this statement or comment on any activities not covered in either this summary document or a separate assessment of a qualifying regulatory provision.

#### **Comments on the non-qualifying regulatory provision summary**

The RPC finds that the final point, relating to “The Scotland Act 2016” would have been more appropriately listed under the exclusion category relating to “Changes to management of regulator”. The RPC has also assumed that a change in the minister responsible for the decommissioning of offshore renewable energy installations will not have an impact on business. Furthermore, a BIT assessment must be completed in the relevant reporting period for any subsequent changes that impact on businesses.



**Michael Gibbons CBE, Chairman**

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## Non-qualifying Regulatory Provisions Summary Reporting Template

Regulator: Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, Energy Infrastructure and Planning Team

Business Impact Target Reporting Period Covered: 8 May 2015 to 8 June 2017

Excluded Category*	Summary of measure(s), including any impact data where available**
L1 – Casework	<p data-bbox="591 488 1330 552"><b>Offshore Renewable Energy Installations – decommissioning requirements</b></p> <p data-bbox="591 595 1357 695">We have issued 16 ‘section 105 notices’ under the terms of the Energy Act 2004 requesting decommissioning programmes from developers of offshore renewable energy installations.</p> <p data-bbox="591 738 1379 802">We have authorised 6 decommissioning programmes on behalf of the Secretary of State under the terms of the Energy Act 2004.</p> <p data-bbox="591 845 1391 1233">We laid ‘The Scotland Act 2016 (Commencement No. 4, Transitional and Savings) Regulations 2017’, which transferred the Secretary of State’s Energy Act functions in relation to the decommissioning of offshore renewable energy installations to the Scottish Ministers in relation to new sites from 1 April 2017. Energy Act functions for 16 existing sites will also transfer at a later date if/when certain requirements are met (such as an approved decommissioning programme), though some of these sites are short-term and are expected to decommission within the next few years under the oversight of the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.</p>

\*Delete categories that do not apply in the reporting period

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\*\* For certain excluded categories - such as A, B, C, F and I, it is good practice to provide narrative description of any significant measures. This will help provide greater transparency and assurance that BIT exclusions are being applied consistently and appropriately