



22 January 2025

THE CONTRACTS FOR DIFFERENCE (ALLOCATION) REGULATIONS 2014 CLEAN INDUSTRY BONUS FRAMEWORK REVISION NOTICE

This notice is made further to regulation 8 of the Contracts for Difference (Allocation) Regulations 2014 and is given to:

- a) National Energy System Operator, EMR Delivery Body; and
 - b) The Low Carbon Contracts Company Limited (“The CfD Counterparty”).
1. This notice updates and revises the notice dated 5 December 2024: “The Contracts for Difference Clean Industry Bonus¹ Allocation Framework”.
 2. This notice (and the amendments to the Contracts for Difference Clean Industry Bonus (CIB) Allocation Framework noted within it) has effect from 22 January 2025.
 3. By this notice, the CIB allocation process will commence on the following dates: -
 - a) The application opening date is 13 February 2025; and
 - b) The application closing date is **14 April 2025**.
 4. The Contract for Difference CIB Allocation Framework referred to in paragraph 1 is available at: www.gov.uk/government/publications/contracts-for-difference-cfd-allocation-round-7-clean-industry-bonus-framework-and-guidance
 5. The Contracts for Difference CIB Allocation Framework has been updated in the following ways:
 - At paragraph 4.4, we have extended the time that the CIB application window will be open for from 22 working days to **43 working days**. This means the application closing date is now 14 April 2025, as set out above.
 - At paragraph 6.1(b), we have changed the parts of information that need to be provided as part of minimum standards proposals meeting criterion 2. Eligible generators submitting these proposals will not be required to provide part 19 of the information in the table, as this is only relevant to CIB extra proposals.

¹ “Clean Industry Bonus” refers to the scheme set out in the Contracts for Difference (Sustainable Industry Rewards) Regulations 2024, known in the regulations as ‘Sustainable Industry Rewards’ (SIRs). For the avoidance of doubt, Sustainable Industry Rewards as referred to in the regulations have evolved and have become the Clean Industry Bonus. The name SIRs is being superseded though the regulations and other legal documents may still refer to them.



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- At paragraph 6.1(c), we have updated and clarified the parts of information that need to be provided as part of a minimum standards proposal where eligible generators identify a shortlist of possible recipients. This replaces the guidance at paragraphs 8.3 and 3.4, which have now been removed.
- At paragraph 7.4, we have corrected an error to ensure that the minimum standard applicable to an eligible generator's project will be calculated on the basis of the capacity per MW (rather than the capacity per MW/h) of the projected CfD unit to be entered into a CfD application.
- At paragraph 13.9 and 13.18, to provide further information, we have specified the formulae which will be used to calculate normalised scores for CIB extra proposals.
- At paragraphs 13.12, 13.15, 13.16 and 13.17, we have amended the formulae to clarify how scores will be calculated for CIB extra proposals that meet criterion 2. This makes the order of magnitude clearer.

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For and on behalf of the Secretary of State

DATED: 22 January 2025