



Electricity Act 1989 (Sections 36, 37, 62(3) & Schedule 8)

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (Section 90)

and the

The Electricity Generating Stations and Overhead Lines (Inquiries Procedure)(England and Wales)
Rules 2007

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 Fynydd')

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 66.7 MW wind turbine generating station in Powys, Mid Wales ('Llaithddu')

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')

Application by RES UK & Ireland Limited, dated 27 March 2009 for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 to construct and operate a 100MW wind turbine generating station in Powys, Mid Wales ('LLanbrynmair')

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')

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

Cyf ffeil/File ref:

Venue: The Royal Oak Hotel, The Cross, Welshpool, Powys, SY21 7DG

Tuesday 18th March 2014

Structured Discussion (hearing) Session - Transport

Agenda:

A. Review of (joint) Strategic Transport Hearing Statement

1. Methodology / assumptions (explanation)
2. Newtown bypass: timescale? Effect on assumptions?
3. Grid connections: timescales? Effect on assumptions?
4. Review of conclusions
5. Remaining local residents' & businesses concerns re general construction traffic on strategic highway network:
 - a. either;
 - i. acute disruption of significant period (several wind farms constructed simultaneously),
 - b. or;
 - c. less acute disruption over an extended period (wind farms constructed consecutively)
6. Other general concerns

B. Southern AIL Route

1. Wye River Bailey bridge crossing:
 - a. Duration of construction / retention / restoration period: nature of temporary works? flood risk?
 - b. Need for other approvals / Appropriate Assessment?
 - c. Likelihood of other approvals being obtained? Rivers authority? Highways Authority? Landowners?
 - d. Replacement of components during the life of the wind farm?
2. Cross Gates Bridge clearance improvements
 - a. preferred 'shuttle' solution: WAG position as trunk roads authority?
 - b. construction implications for 'full width' option: bridge abutment footings? Services (esp drainage) diversion?
 - c. delays / disruption during construction - extent of works period?
 - d. other approvals needed / likelihood of grant?
3. Essential need?
 - a. (assumption is that Wye crossing is necessary because of right turn over bridge in Builth Wells. Could the need for both the Wye crossing and improvements to the Crossgates bridge be avoided by a route to the west of Llandrindod Wells?)
 - b. Use of northern route (Mochdre link or bypass) preferable if timescales allow?

C. Northern AIL Route to SSA B

1. Traffic through Pant / Llanymynech - response to Shropshire CC objection letter.
2. Welshpool - SSA B section
 - a. possible effects on buildings / basements in Welshpool?
 - b. consideration of extending surveys / indemnities to other buildings on the route?
 - c. traffic / parking management in Welshpool
 - d. peak (holiday) traffic on Welshpool - SSA B section of route?

D. Northern AIL Route to SSA C

1. Vastre Route?
2. Mochdre link route:
 - a. possible effect on businesses within Mochdre Industrial Estate?
 - b. timing of transits through Newtown?
3. Newtown Bypass: a preferred option (subject to timescales)?
4. No passing places on A483 Newtown - SSA C (assumed necessary whether for Mochdre link or Bypass)
 - a. delays / disruption during construction of passing places?
 - b. consents needed / likelihood of obtaining consents (WAG position)
 - c. a 'good thing' generally?

E. Progress on Conditions:

1. Lengthy timescales - need to allow of changes in circumstances?

F. Overall Considerations:

1. Proper test for decision maker:

The hearing session will be a structured discussion, led by the Inspector. The applicant's witness will have the opportunity to open discussion on each issue. The other parties will then have the opportunity to explain their concerns or objections. Other interested persons may ask questions. The applicant's witness will then have the opportunity to respond.