



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

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Conjoined Public Inquiry
Inquiry Initial Session
Tuesday 4 June – Friday 7 June 2013

AGENDA

Tuesday 4 June, 10:00

1.0 Inspector's Opening Announcements

- Formal opening of the Inquiry.
- Announcements: Use of Welsh / English, mobile phones, health and safety, attendance lists.
- Introductions.
- General Procedure.
- Scope of initial session.

2.0 Opening Statements

Persons entitled to participate and who have indicated a wish to do so will be offered the opportunity to make an opening statement outlining and summarising their case. It would be of assistance if a written copy of opening statements could be provided. Opening statements will be heard in the following order:

- Applicants, i.e. Vattenfall, Fferm Wynt Llaithddu Cyf, CeltPower Limited, RES UK & Ireland Limited, RWE NPower Renewables Limited, and SP Manweb PLC.
- Powys County Council
- The Alliance
- NRW
- Other persons

Wednesday 5 June

4.0 Completion of Opening Statements

5.0 Clarification of Matters Relating to Future Sessions

- Information requirements: e.g. division of evidence relating to transport / highways matters be between local / area specific concerns, and cumulative effects on the highways network, document submission and numbering.
- Information requirements: grid connections. Implications of Welsh Minister's letter July 2012 relating to environmental capacities / the need for 400kV grid lines in Powys.
- Arrangements for monitoring of discussions aimed at narrowing down issues in dispute.
- Need for Appropriate Assessment.

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- Timetable – any refinements or ‘housekeeping’ matters.
 - Arrangements for evening / local Inquiry sessions, and site inspections before 3 September.
 - Any other matters relating to future sessions.

Thursday 6 June (and Friday 7 June if necessary)

5.0 Structured Hearing Session – Interpretation and Application of Energy and Planning Policy

From the Statements of Common Ground and Statements of Case that have been received, it appears to the Inspector that the following main issues should provide the basis for discussion:

- Consolidation of Applicants / Powys CC’s Statements of common ground, and incorporation of other comments including relevant legislation and policy (wildlife and ecology, national parks, historic heritage etc) not included in SoCGs.

(it would be of assistance for a consolidated SoCG to be agreed in advance of the hearing session)

- The weight to be given to Welsh national policy, guidance and ministerial statements as a material consideration: should this be -
 - a) None (Alliance position? - implications?),
 - b) Partial, i.e. substantial weight given to some aspects but not others, particularly with regard to indicative capacity limits, or
 - c) Full.
- SSA Boundaries
 - a) TAN 8 boundaries – scope for refinement / constraints on land outside.
 - b) Powys refinement exercise – weight to be attached.
 - c) Llandinam repowering scheme and others – status in light of above.
- Any other matters relating to the interpretation and application of energy and planning policy.

In accordance general hearing procedures, the proponents of a particular point of view will be asked to explain their case. Persons opposed to that view will then be offered the opportunity to put forward the reasons for their differing view. The Inspector may ask questions, or invite comments or questions from particular persons during the discussion. The proponents will then be given the opportunity of having the final say on that issue. Participation will not be limited to those persons who have submitted a statement of case for the hearing session, but priority will be given to them.

6.0 Any Other Business / Adjournment until 3 September