

Draft EMR plan published

DECC consults on how new energy infrastructure will be constructed as part of reform plans

A CONSULTATION ON ITS DRAFT

Electricity Market Reform Delivery Plan has been published by the Department of Energy and Climate Change.

Within the consultation is further detail on the long-term Contracts for Difference scheme and draft strike prices that will be used to help fund new infrastructure including advanced thermal treatment and anaerobic digestion among others.

Energy Secretary Ed Davey said: "No other sector is equal in scale to the British power market, in terms of the opportunity that it offers to investors, and the scale of the infrastructure challenge.

"The delivery plan will provide investors with further certainty of Government's intent, so that they can get on and make crucial investment decisions that are supporting green jobs and growth. The strike prices we have set will make the UK market one of the most attractive for developers and investors in renewable energy.

"It is necessary to support technologies in the early stages of their development, but we are looking all the time at how we reduce the costs for consumers.

"The new support mechanism we are introducing for renewables will make it cheaper to deliver low-carbon generation by around £5 billion up to 2030.

"This will put the UK one step ahead



in the global race to develop clean technologies, and will support up to 250,000 jobs across the energy sector.

"As well as being good for green jobs and growth, what we are doing will protect our environment. The new strike prices will mean that renewables can contribute more than 30 per cent of our power mix by 2020, putting us back on track to see significant decarbonisation of the power sector by 2030 and meeting our wider climate targets."

However, REA chief executive Gaynor Hartnell criticised the fact that new build biomass had been excluded from the delivery plan. She said biomass support had "effectively come to an end" and encouraged the Government to reconsider this.

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