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Dear Colleague,

Notification that the provision to enable EELPS to switch between a BEGA and a BELLA without this affecting their place in the GB queue for the purposes of determining any contingent infrastructure under SLC C18 will end on 1 October 2005

The purpose of this open letter is to draw colleagues' attention to the provisions of SLC C18, Schedule 1, paragraph 8, which will expire on 1 October 2005.

Paragraph 8 of Schedule 1 of SLC C18 provides for Embedded Exemptable Large Power Stations ("EELPS") to apply once to National Grid Electricity Transmission plc ("NGET") to switch between the options of applying for a Bilateral Embedded Generation Agreement ("BEGA") or a Bilateral Embedded Licence Exemptable Large Power Station Agreement ("BELLA") without this affecting their place in the GB queue for the purposes of determining any contingent infrastructure under SLC C18, subject to there being no other material change and the request being made on or before 1 October 2005¹.

The provisions of SLC C18 which enable EELPS to switch once from a BEGA to a BELLA (and vice versa) until 1 October 2005 were included in the licence because Ofgem/DTI recognised² that EELPS were being required to choose between the BELLA and BEGA options in the run up to the introduction of the British Electricity Trading and Transmission Arrangements ("BETTA") without having had sufficient opportunity to assess the detailed drafting of the standard form of the BELLA to be included within the Connection and Use of System Code (CUSC) from 1 April 2005, the BETTA go-live date.

Colleagues should note that the standard form of the BELLA has now been available for a number of months and the deadline for EELPS to switch without this affecting their place in the GB queue for the purposes of determining any contingent infrastructure under SLC C18 is 1

¹ It is noted that this does not mean that EELPS cannot apply to move between the options on an enduring basis.

² http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/temp/ofgem/cache/cmsattach/10314_5505.pdf

October 2005. Colleagues should contact NGET before that date should they wish to make use of this provision.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Hull', with a horizontal line underneath.

Robert Hull
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