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The Offshore Electricity Development (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008

PART III

Preparation of Environmental Statements

Procedure to facilitate preparation of environmental statements

6.—(1) A developer may give the Department notice in writing under this paragraph that he intends to provide to the Department an environmental statement.

(2) A notice under paragraph (1) shall include or be accompanied by the information necessary to identify the site of the development and the nature and purpose of the development, and shall indicate the main environmental consequences to which the person giving notice proposes to refer in his environmental statement.

(3) Where the Department receives a notice under paragraph (1) or a notice under regulation 5(11) that a developer intends to provide an environmental statement, it shall—

- (a) notify the consultation bodies of the name and address of the developer and of the duty imposed on them by Regulation 7(1) to make information available to the developer; and
- (b) inform the developer in writing of the names and addresses of the bodies so notified.

Provision of information

7.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), any body notified by the Department pursuant to regulation 6(3) shall, if requested by the developer, or may without such request, enter into consultation with him with a view to ascertaining whether the body has information in its possession which the developer or the body consider relevant to the preparation of the environmental statement, and the body shall make any such information available to the developer.

(2) Paragraph (1) shall not require the disclosure by a body of information which is capable of being treated as confidential or must be so treated under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004(1).