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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2011 No. 169**

**The Renewables Obligation (Amendment)  
Order (Northern Ireland) 2011**

**Amendments to Article 27 (microgenerators and qualifying small scale generators)**

**10.** For Article 27, 27A and 27B substitute—

**“Microgenerators and qualifying new small scale generators**

**27.—(1)** This Article applies to a generating station which—

- (a) is an accredited microgenerator,
- (b) has not had a total declared net capacity in excess of 50 kilowatts at any time after 31st March 2009, and
- (c) is not a qualifying new onshore wind station or a qualifying new hydro station or a qualifying new solar photovoltaic station or a qualifying new anaerobic digestion station.”.

“(2) The amount of electricity to be stated in each NIROC which is issued in respect of the electricity generated by a generating station to which this Article applies is ½ megawatt hour.”.

“(3) In this Article and in Article 27A to 27C—

“qualifying new hydro station” means a hydro generating station which—

- (a) was first accredited after 31st March 2010, and
- (b) has not had a total declared net capacity in excess of 1 megawatt at any time after 31st March 2010;”;

““qualifying new onshore wind station” means a generating station which—

- (a) generates electricity from onshore wind,
- (b) was first accredited after 31st March 2010, and
- (c) has not had a declared net capacity in excess of 250 kilowatts at any time after 31st March 2010;”;

“qualifying new solar photovoltaic station”, means a generating station which—

- (a) generates electricity from the direct conversion of sunlight into electricity,
- (b) was first accredited after 31st March 2010, and
- (c) has not had a declared net capacity in excess of 50 kilowatts at any time after 31st March 2010.”.

““qualifying new anaerobic digestion”, means a generating station which—

- (a) generates electricity from gas formed by the anaerobic digestion of material which is neither sewage nor material in a landfill.
- (b) was first accredited on or after 1st April 2011, and

- (c) has not had a declared net capacity in excess of 5 megawatts at any time on or after 1st April 2011.

#### **Qualifying new onshore wind stations and qualifying new solar photovoltaic stations**

**27A.**—(1) This Article applies to a generating station which is—

- (a) a qualifying new onshore wind station; or
- (b) a qualifying new solar photovoltaic station.

(2) The amount of electricity to be stated in each NIROC which is issued in respect of electricity generated by a generating station to which this Article applies is  $\frac{1}{4}$  megawatt hour.

#### **Qualifying new hydro stations**

**27B.**—(1) This Article applies to a generating station which is a qualifying new hydro station.

(2) The amount of electricity to be stated in each NIROC which is issued in respect of electricity generated by a generating station to which this Article applies is—

- (a) in relation to a qualifying new hydro station which has not had a declared net capacity in excess of 20 kilowatts at any time after 31st March 2010,  $\frac{1}{4}$  megawatt hour;
- (b) in relation to a qualifying new hydro station which has had a declared net capacity in excess of 20 kilowatts but not in excess 250 kilowatts at any time after 31st March 2010,  $\frac{1}{3}$  megawatt hour;
- (c) in relation to a qualifying new hydro station which has had a declared net capacity in excess of 250 kilowatts at any time after 31st March 2010,  $\frac{1}{2}$  megawatt hour.

#### **Qualifying new anaerobic digestion stations**

**27C.**—(1) This Article applies to a generating station which is a qualifying new anaerobic digestion station.

(2) The amount of electricity to be stated in each NIROC which is issued in respect of electricity generated by a generating station to which this Article applies is—

- (a) in relation to a qualifying new anaerobic digestion station which has not had a declared net capacity in excess of 500 kilowatts at any time on or after 26th April 2010,  $\frac{1}{4}$  megawatt hour;
- (b) in relation to a qualifying new anaerobic digestion station which has had a declared net capacity in excess of 500 kilowatts at any time on or after 26th April 2010,  $\frac{1}{3}$  megawatt hour.

#### **Microgeneration Certification Scheme**

**27D.**—(1) This Article applies to a generating station which—

- (a) is a microgenerator;
- (b) was first accredited after 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011; and is
- (c) an onshore wind station; or a solar photovoltaic station.

(2) Accreditation of a generating station to which this Article and either Article 27 or 27A applies is conditional upon the operator of the generating station providing to the

Authority an MCS certificate which confirms that the plant or apparatus have been installed in compliance with MCS criteria.”.