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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2015 No. 287**

**The Renewables Obligation (Amendment)  
Order (Northern Ireland) 2015**

**Amendments to Article 27 of the 2009 Order (microgenerators and qualifying new small scale generators)**

2. For Article 27 of the 2009 Order (microgenerators) 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 issued in respect of electricity generated—

- (a) by a generating station to which this Article applies, and
- (b) using—
  - (i) pre-2013 capacity, or
  - (ii) 2013/14 capacity, or
  - (iii) 2014/15 capacity,

is  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a megawatt hour.

(3) The amount of electricity to be stated in each NIROC issued in respect of electricity generated—

- (a) by a generating station to which this Article applies, and
- (b) using 2015/16 capacity,

is  $\frac{10}{19}$  of a megawatt hour.

(4) The amount of electricity to be stated in each NIROC issued in respect of electricity generated—

- (a) by a generating station to which this Article applies, and
- (b) using post-2016 capacity,

is  $\frac{5}{9}$  of a megawatt hour.

(5) In this Article and in Articles 27A to 27C—

“2010/2015 qualifying new solar photovoltaic station” means a generating station which—

- (a) generates electricity from the direct conversion of sunlight to electricity,
- (b) was accredited after 31st March 2010 and before 1st October 2015, and
- (c) has not had a declared net capacity in excess of 250 kilowatts at any time after 31st March 2010;

“2015/2016 qualifying new solar photovoltaic station” means a generating station which—

- (a) generates electricity from the direct conversion of sunlight to electricity,
- (b) was accredited after 30th September 2015 and before 1st October 2016, and
- (c) has not had a declared net capacity in excess of 250 kilowatts at any time after 30th September 2015;

“2016/2017 qualifying new solar photovoltaic station” means a generating station which—

- (a) generates electricity from the direct conversion of sunlight to electricity,
- (b) was accredited after 30th September 2016, and
- (c) has not had a declared net capacity in excess of 250 kilowatts at any time after 30th September 2016;

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

- (a) was first accredited after 31st March 2010, and
- (b) has not had a declared net capacity in excess of 5 megawatts 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 accredited after 31st March 2010, and
- (c) has not had a declared net capacity in excess of 5 megawatts at any time after 31st March 2010;

“qualifying new solar photovoltaic station” means—

- (a) a 2010/2015 qualifying new solar photovoltaic station,
- (b) a 2015/2016 qualifying new solar photovoltaic station, and
- (c) a 2016/2017 qualifying new solar photovoltaic station;

“qualifying new anaerobic digestion station”, 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 after 31st March 2011, and
- (c) has not had a declared net capacity in excess of 5 megawatts at any time after 31st March 2011.

(6) This Article is subject to Article 30.”.