



Energy Act 2016

2016 CHAPTER 20

PART 2

FURTHER FUNCTIONS OF THE OGA RELATING TO OFFSHORE PETROLEUM

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DISPUTES

19 Qualifying disputes and relevant parties

- (1) For the purposes of this Chapter, a dispute is a qualifying dispute if—
 - (a) the dispute relates to qualifying issues, and
 - (b) the parties to the dispute include at least one relevant party.
- (2) In this Chapter, “qualifying issues” means issues which—
 - (a) are relevant to the fulfilment of the principal objective, or
 - (b) relate to activities carried out under an offshore licence,and are not the subject of a section 82 application.
- (3) If a dispute relates in part to qualifying issues and in part to other issues, the dispute is a qualifying dispute only to the extent that it relates to the qualifying issues.
- (4) For the purposes of subsection (2), an issue is the subject of a section 82 application if—
 - (a) an application has been made under section 82(4) of the Energy Act 2011 (acquisition of rights to use upstream petroleum infrastructure) in connection with the issue, and
 - (b) the OGA has made a decision under section 82(6)(a)(iii) of that Act to consider the application further.
- (5) In this Chapter “relevant party” to a dispute means a party to the dispute who is a relevant person.

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