
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2016 No. 779

The Meaford Gas Fired Generating Station Order 2016

PART 2

PRINCIPAL POWERS

Development consent etc. granted by the Order

3.—(1) The undertaker is granted development consent for the authorised development, as set out in Schedule 1 (authorised development), subject to the provisions of this Order including the requirements set out in Schedule 2 (requirements).

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), each numbered work must be situated on the corresponding numbered area shown on the works plans.

(3) In constructing each numbered work, the undertaker may deviate within the corresponding numbered area shown on the works plans up to the limits of deviation.

(4) Development consent is only granted for development within the Order limits.

Maintenance of authorised development

4.—(1) The undertaker may, at any time, maintain the authorised development, except to the extent that this Order, or an agreement made under this Order, provides otherwise, and only to the extent assessed in the environmental statement.

(2) This article only authorises the carrying out of maintenance works within the Order limits.

Operation of authorised development

5.—(1) The undertaker is authorised to operate and use the generating station comprised in the authorised development.

(2) This article does not relieve the undertaker of any requirement to obtain any permit or licence under any other legislation that may be required from time to time to authorise the operation of a generating station.

Benefit of Order

6.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) and article 7 (consent to transfer benefit of Order), the provisions of this Order have effect solely for the benefit of the undertaker.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to—

- (a) numbered work 2A(i) and numbered work 2A(ii) for which consent is granted by this Order for the benefit of the undertaker and National Grid; and
- (b) numbered work 3 for which consent is granted by this Order for the benefit of the undertaker and WPD.

Consent to transfer benefit of Order

7.—(1) Subject to paragraph (4), the undertaker, and National Grid in relation to numbered work 2A(i) and numbered work 2A(ii) and WPD in relation to numbered work 3, may—

- (a) transfer to another person (“the transferee”) any or all of the benefit of the provisions of this Order (including any of the numbered works) and such related statutory rights as may be agreed between the undertaker, National Grid or WPD (as the case may be) and the transferee; or
- (b) grant to another person (“the lessee”) for a period agreed between the undertaker, National Grid or WPD (as the case may be) and the lessee any or all of the benefit of the provisions of this Order (including any of the numbered works) and such related statutory rights as may be so agreed.

(2) Where a transfer, or grant, has been made in accordance with paragraph (1) references in this Order to the undertaker or National Grid or WPD (as the case may be), except in paragraph (3) include references to the transferee or lessee.

(3) The exercise by a person of any benefits or rights conferred in accordance with any transfer or grant under paragraph (1) is subject to the same restrictions, liabilities and obligations as would apply under this Order if those benefits or rights were exercised by the undertaker, National Grid or WPD (as the case may be).

(4) The consent of the Secretary of State is required for the exercise of the powers of paragraph (1) except where—

- (a) the transferee or lessee is the holder of a licence under section 6 of the Electricity Act 1989(1) or section 7 of the Gas Act 1986(2); or
- (b) the time limits for all claims for compensation in respect of the acquisition of land or effects upon land under this Order have elapsed and—
 - (i) no such claims have been made;
 - (ii) any such claims that have been made have all been compromised or withdrawn;
 - (iii) compensation has been paid in final settlement of all such claims;
 - (iv) payment of compensation into court in lieu of settlement of all such claims has taken place; or
 - (v) it has been determined by a tribunal or court of competent jurisdiction in respect of any claim that no compensation shall be payable.

(5) Where paragraph (4) applies, the undertaker must notify the Secretary of State in writing before transferring or granting any benefit referred to in paragraph (1).

Application and modification of legislative provisions

8. Schedule 3 (modification of compensation and compulsory purchase enactments for creation of new rights) has effect for the purpose of modifying the enactments referred to in that Schedule in their application in relation to the compulsory acquisition under this Order of a right over land by the creation of a new right.

(1) 1989 c. 29. Section 6 was amended by section 30 of the Utilities Act 2000 (c.27), and section 6(10) amended by section 89(3) of the Energy Act 2004 (c.20). There are other amendments to the section that are not relevant to this Order.

(2) 1986 c. 44. Section 7 was amended by section 5 of the Gas Act 1995 (c.45) and section 76(2) of the Utilities Act 2000 (c.27). There are other amendments to the section that are not relevant to this Order.

Defence to proceedings in respect of statutory nuisance

9.—(1) Where proceedings are brought under section 82(1) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990⁽³⁾ (summary proceedings by persons aggrieved by statutory nuisances) in relation to a nuisance falling within paragraph (g) of section 79(1) of that Act (noise emitted from premises so as to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance) no order is to be made, and no fine may be imposed, under section 82(2) of that Act if the defendant shows that the nuisance—

- (a) relates to premises used by the undertaker for the purposes of or in connection with the construction or maintenance of the authorised development and that the nuisance is attributable to the carrying out of the authorised development in accordance with a notice served under section 60 (control of noise on construction sites), or a consent given under section 61 (prior consent for work on construction sites) or 65 (noise exceeding registered level), of the Control of Pollution Act 1974⁽⁴⁾;
- (b) is a consequence of the construction or maintenance of the authorised development and that it cannot reasonably be avoided; or
- (c) the defendant shows that the nuisance is a consequence of the use of the authorised development and that it cannot reasonably be avoided.

(2) Section 61(9) (consent for work on construction site to include statement that it does not of itself constitute a defence to proceedings under section 82 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990) of the Control of Pollution Act 1974 and section 65(8) of that Act (corresponding provision in relation to consent for registered noise level to be exceeded), is not to apply where the consent relates to the use of premises by the undertaker for the purposes of or in connection with the construction or maintenance of the authorised development.

(3) 1990 c. 43. Section 82 was amended by section 103 of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 (c.16); Section 79 was amended by sections 101 and 102 of the same Act.

(4) 1974 c. 40. Section 60 was amended by section 7(3)(a)(4)(g) of the Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984 (c.22) and section 112(1)(3) of the Electricity Act 1989; Sections 61 and 65 were amended by section 133 and Schedule 7 to the Building Act 1984 (c.55), section 120 and Schedule 24 to the Environment Act 1995 (c.25) and section 162 and Schedule 15 to the Environmental Protection Act 1990. There are other amendments not relevant to this Order.