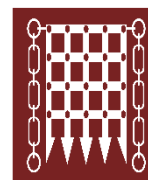


Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference:

Next steps for Contracts for Difference in the UK

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Assessing developments in Contracts for Difference policy, priorities for Allocation Round 8, and considerations for future allocation rounds**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- Considerations for scheme design, delivery, and market operation**
- 9.30 **Learning from AR7 results and assessing priorities for AR8 and beyond**
James Brabben, Senior Manager, Regulatory Affairs, RWE
- 9.45 **Delivery of CfD contracts and enabling successful project deployment**
Adam Williams, Head, Policy and Development, Low Carbon Contracts Company
- 10.00 **Fostering investment in renewable energy - auction design, risk management, and project delivery**
assessing auction design reform following AR7 and priorities for AR8 | implications of extending contract lengths on strike prices, cost of capital, value for money, and system flexibility | maintaining a credible and investable project pipeline across technologies | assessing risk implications of revised planning and consenting frameworks for project risk and delivery timelines | mechanisms to reduce non-delivery risk and support project completion | changing eligibility requirements including inclusion of repowered onshore wind and implications for competition, participation, and value for money | emerging opportunities for offshore wind and nascent technologies | implications of enhanced visibility of sealed bid information for bidding behaviour and budget setting | circumstances in which allocation budgets may be exceeded or underspent where value for money can be demonstrated | priorities for regulatory oversight and maintaining confidence in auction processes
David Acres, Head, Policy, EDF Energy
Senior representative, legal
Senior representative, investment
- 10.15 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.05 **Supply chain development and the Clean Industry Bonus**
Senior representative, supply chains
- 11.15 **Priorities for supply chains, workforce skills, and planning**
reform of the Clean Industry Bonus for AR8 and future allocation rounds | achieving clarity, assurance, and confidence in delivery of supply chain commitments | planning and consenting processes and implications for supply chain readiness and project delivery | verification requirements, definitional clarity, and managing compliance burdens | building domestic supply chain capacity in offshore and onshore wind | interaction between the Clean Industry Bonus and wider initiatives including Great British Energy and the National Wealth Fund | addressing supply chain constraints in the offshore wind pipeline and opportunities for onshore deployment | workforce development, skills gaps, and regional growth opportunities | role of the Fair Work Charter and the forthcoming skills investment fund | streamlining planning and consenting processes and alignment with sector preparedness
Chris Rowell, Head, Net Zero, Tees Valley Combined Authority
Senior representative, consenting
Senior representative, workforce
- 11.30 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.50 **Implications of electricity market and grid connection reform for CfD design and delivery**
network charging reform and implications for investment signals | introduction of the Strategic Spatial Energy Plan and impacts on siting decisions | alignment of CfD eligibility and allocation timelines with grid connection reform | addressing delays to grid connections and implications for project deployment | network capacity constraints and risks to delivery timelines | coordination between renewable deployment, system planning, and flexibility strategies | alignment between spatial planning frameworks, consenting processes, and CfD project delivery
John Tindal, Head, Market Design, SSE Renewables
Senior representative, spatial planning
Senior representative, grid
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Next steps for CfD policy and alignment with Clean Power 2030**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum