

Renewable Energy Projects

Legal Aspects

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Legal Aspects

- Support mechanisms, property rights and connection
- Environmental aspects
- Delivering the project and keeping the power flowing



An Overview of the Support Mechanisms

- FITs
- ROCs
- CfDs
- LECs
- REGOs
- Embedded benefits
- Avoided costs



An Overview of the Support Mechanisms

- ROCs (Renewable Obligation Certificates)
 - Lower limit 50kW
 - No upper limit except for solar pv
 - Renewable obligation certificates issued for 20 years
 - Must be “accredited”
 - New equipment only
 - Preliminary accreditation



An Overview of the Support Mechanisms

- FITS (Feed In Tariffs)
 - 5MW per technology per site
 - Paid for a fixed period at a fixed rate (subject to indexation)
 - Installation must be “accredited”
 - The Microgeneration Certification Scheme
 - New equipment only
 - Preliminary Accreditation



An Overview of the Support Mechanisms

- CfDs (Contracts for Difference)
 - New
 - Competitive/auction process
 - Bid for a “strike price”
 - All successful bidders get the same strike price



An Overview of the Support Mechanisms

- Others
 - Levy Exemption Certificates (LECs)
 - Renewable Electricity Guarantees of Origin (REGOs)
 - Embedded benefits
 - Avoid costs of complying with other schemes such as the CRC



Securing the Land Rights

- Do you own the property on which the system will be installed?
- If not, how will you acquire it?
- Matters affecting the property
- Getting the power to the user/grid
 - Grid connection
 - Private wire arrangements



Planning

- Planning permission and permitted development rights
- Should work start as soon as planning consent is granted?
- Planning conditions



Getting Connected

- Grid connections
- Private wire connections
- Shared connections



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