
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2013 No. 116

**The Renewables Obligation (Amendment)
Order (Northern Ireland) 2013**

Co-firing

15. After Article 26 of the 2009 Order insert—

“High-range co-firing in the 2013/14 obligation period

26A.—(1) This Article applies to electricity which is generated—

- (a) before 1st April 2014,
- (b) in the way described as “high-range co-firing” in Schedule 2, and
- (c) by a generating station to which Article 27 does not apply.

(2) Subject to paragraph (4), the amount of electricity to be stated in each NIROC issued

in respect of electricity to which this Article applies is $\frac{10}{7}$ of a megawatt hour.

(3) Paragraph (4) applies to electricity to which this Article applies which is generated—

- (a) in the way described as “high-range co-firing with CHP” in Schedule 2, and
- (b) using—
 - (i) pre-2013 capacity, or
 - (ii) 2013/15 capacity in respect of which a declaration has been made in accordance with Article 26(8).

(4) Where this paragraph applies, the amount of electricity to be stated in each NIROC is—

- (a) in respect of the qualifying proportion of the electricity to which this paragraph applies, $\frac{5}{6}$ of a megawatt hour; and
- (b) in respect of the remainder of the electricity to which this paragraph applies,

$\frac{10}{7}$ of a megawatt hour.

(5) This Article is subject to Article 30.

Co-firing of regular bioliquid in the 2013/14 and 2014/15 obligation periods

26B.—(1) This Article applies to electricity which is generated—

- (a) before 1st April 2015,
- (b) in the way described as “co-firing of regular bioliquid” in Schedule 2, and

- (c) by a generating station to which Article 27 does not apply.
- (2) Subject to paragraph (4), the amount of electricity to be stated in each NIROC issued in respect of electricity to which this Article applies is $\frac{10}{3}$ of a megawatt hour.
- (3) Paragraph (4) applies to electricity to which this Article applies which is generated—
- (a) in the way described as “co-firing of regular bioliquid with CHP” in Schedule 2, and
 - (b) using—
 - (i) pre-2013 capacity, or
 - (ii) 2013/15 capacity in respect of which a declaration has been made in accordance with Article 26(8).
- (4) Where this paragraph applies, the amount of electricity to be stated in each NIROC is—
- (a) in respect of the qualifying proportion of the electricity to which this paragraph applies, $\frac{5}{4}$ of a megawatt hour; and
 - (b) in respect of the remainder of the electricity to which this paragraph applies, $\frac{10}{3}$ of a megawatt hour.
- (5) This Article is subject to Article 30.

Low-range co-firing in the 2013/14 and 2014/15 obligation periods

- 26C.**—(1) This Article applies to electricity which is generated—
- (a) before 1st April 2015,
 - (b) in the way described as “low-range co-firing” in Schedule 2, and
 - (c) by a generating station to which Article 27 does not apply.
- (2) Subject to paragraph (4), the amount of electricity to be stated in each NIROC issued in respect of electricity to which this Article applies is $\frac{10}{3}$ of a megawatt hour.
- (3) Paragraph (4) applies to electricity to which this Article applies which is generated—
- (a) in the way described as “low-range co-firing with CHP” in Schedule 2, and
 - (b) using—
 - (i) pre-2013 capacity, or
 - (ii) 2013/15 capacity in respect of which a declaration has been made in accordance with Article 26(8).
- (4) Where this paragraph applies, the amount of electricity to be stated in each NIROC is—
- (a) in respect of the qualifying proportion of the electricity to which this paragraph applies, $\frac{5}{4}$ of a megawatt hour; and

(b) in respect of the remainder of the electricity to which this paragraph applies,

$\frac{10}{3}$ of a megawatt hour.

(5) This Article is subject to Articles 26D, 26E and 30.

Low-range co-firing of relevant energy crops

26D.—(1) This Article applies to electricity which is generated—

- (a) before 1st April 2019,
- (b) by a generating station to which Article 27 does not apply, and
- (c) from relevant energy crops burned in a combustion unit in a month in which—
 - (i) the energy content of the biomass burned in that combustion unit is less than 50% of the energy content of all of the energy sources burned in that combustion unit during that month, and
 - (ii) the generating station generates electricity partly from fossil fuel and partly from renewable sources.

(2) The amount of electricity to be stated in each NIROC issued in respect of electricity to which this Article applies is—

- (a) $\frac{5}{4}$ of
in the case of electricity generated before 1st April 2015,
a megawatt hour; and
- (b) in the case of electricity generated on or after 1st April 2015, 1 megawatt hour.

(3) Paragraphs (a), (b) and (d) of paragraph 1(2) of Part 1 of Schedule 2 apply for the purposes of this Article as they apply for the purposes of that Schedule.

(4) In this Article, “relevant energy crops” means energy crops which are supplied to the operator of a generating station in accordance with an agreement made—

- (a) in writing,
- (b) before 23rd October 2012, and
- (c) between the owner or operator of the generating station and a person who is not connected to the owner or operator of the station within the meaning of section 1122 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010⁽¹⁾.

(5) This Article is subject to Articles 26E and 30.

Low-range co-firing of relevant energy crops with CHP

26E.—(1) This Article applies to electricity which is generated—

- (a) before 1st April 2019,
- (b) by a qualifying combined heat and power generating station to which Article 27 does not apply,
- (c) from relevant energy crops burned in a combustion unit in a month in which—
 - (i) the energy content of the biomass burned in that combustion unit is less than 50% of the energy content of all of the energy sources burned in that combustion unit during that month,

- (ii) the generating station generates electricity partly from fossil fuel and partly from renewable sources, and
 - (iii) the fossil fuel and the relevant energy crops have been burned in separate combustion units, and
 - (d) using—
 - (i) pre-2013 capacity, or
 - (ii) 2013/15 capacity, 2015/16 capacity or post-2016 capacity in respect of which a declaration has been made in accordance with Article 26(8).
- (2) Paragraph (3) applies to electricity to which this Article applies which is generated before 1st April 2015.
- (3) Where this paragraph applies, the amount of electricity to be stated in each NIROC is—
- (a) in respect of the qualifying proportion of the electricity to which this paragraph applies, $\frac{10}{13}$ of a megawatt hour; and
 - (b) in respect of the remainder of the electricity to which this paragraph applies, $\frac{5}{4}$ of a megawatt hour.
- (4) Paragraph (5) applies to electricity to which this Article applies which is generated on or after 1st April 2015.
- (5) Where this paragraph applies, the amount of electricity to be stated in each NIROC is—
- (a) in respect of the qualifying proportion of the electricity to which this paragraph applies, $\frac{2}{3}$ of a megawatt hour; and
 - (b) in respect of the remainder of the electricity to which this paragraph applies, 1 megawatt hour.
- (6) Paragraphs (a), (b) and (d) of paragraph 1(2) of Part 1 of Schedule 2 apply for the purposes of this Article as they apply for the purposes of that Schedule.
- (7) In this Article, “relevant energy crops” has the same meaning as in Article 26D.
- (8) This Article is subject to Article 30.”.