



# Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Act 2006

## 2006 CHAPTER 19

### *Community energy and renewable heat*

#### **19 Promotion of community energy projects**

- (1) It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to take such steps as he considers appropriate to promote community energy projects.
- (2) In the exercise of his duty under subsection (1), the Secretary of State shall have regard to the desirability of promoting—
  - (a) schemes whose purpose or effect is the promotion of community energy projects,
  - (b) investment by others in such schemes and community energy projects, and
  - (c) the provision of advice and assistance (whether by public authorities or any other persons) to persons establishing and operating, or proposing to establish and operate, community energy projects.
- (3) In this section—
  - “community energy project” means—
    - (a) the use of relevant plant for a community purpose,
    - (b) the installation of relevant plant for use for a community purpose, or
    - (c) the adaptation of any plant for use as relevant plant for a community purpose;
  - “community purpose” means the purpose of—
    - (a) generating electricity for consumption wholly or mainly in qualifying premises, or
    - (b) producing heat for use wholly or mainly for heating qualifying premises;
  - “plant” includes any equipment, apparatus or appliance;
  - “premises” means any building or buildings (and for this purpose “building” includes part of a building);
  - “qualifying premises” means premises which—

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- (a) are used wholly or mainly for purposes other than carrying on a trade, business or profession, and
  - (b) in the case of premises which consist wholly or mainly of a dwelling or dwellings, contain at least five dwellings;  
“relevant plant” means any plant which—
    - (a) in generating electricity or (as the case may be) producing heat, relies wholly or mainly on a source of energy or a technology mentioned in section 82(7) of the Energy Act 2004 (c. 20) (microgeneration), and
    - (b) satisfies the condition in subsection (4).
- (4) Plant satisfies the condition in this subsection if its capacity does not exceed—
- (a) in the case of plant for the generation of electricity, 20 megawatts, and
  - (b) in the case of plant for the production of heat, 100 megawatts thermal.

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- s. 3A inserted by [2008 c. 27 s. 81\(2\)](#)