

Press Release

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Subject: Green revolution gathers pace as Government gives consent to major wind farm

New farm in Northumberland, to be built and operated by npower renewables, will be enough to power over 27,000 homes.

Britain is set to increase its contribution to the battle against climate change following today's decision by the Government to give the green light for a major onshore wind farm at Middlemoor, near Alnwick, Northumberland.

Proposals for the wind farm were first announced in 2004. The decision by BERR to grant consent to npower renewables follows a three-week public inquiry into the scheme which concluded in December 2007.

Once operational, this wind farm will generate enough power to supply the average needs of some 27,600 homes¹ - more than enough to power the equivalent of every home in both Alnwick and Berwick.

Managing Director of npower renewables, Paul Cowling, warmly welcomed BERR's announcement. He said:

"We are delighted that John Hutton and Malcolm Wicks have decided that we can construct and operate the Middlemoor Wind Farm. Of course, we will continue to work with local communities, and are committed to substantial efforts to protect and where possible enhance the environment. Renewable energy technologies such as wind are essential to cutting UK carbon emissions, and given our excellent resources, the UK can become a world leader, securing our energy supply and creating many thousands of new UK jobs."

In February 2008 a new Europe-wide dedicated renewables business RWE Innogy was set up, of which npower renewables is the UK business. npower renewables is one of the UK's leading renewable energy developers and operators, with 17 hydroelectric power projects and 19 wind farms in the UK, including the country's first major offshore wind farm, North Hoyle. npower renewables is also working with marine energy technology partners to deliver new wave and tidal stream power projects in the UK.

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Notes

1. Middlemoor Wind Farm will comprise 18 turbines, each with a height of up to 125 metres (including blades). It will have a total generating capacity of between 54MW and 75MW. The household numbers are based on an annual electricity consumption per home of 4700 kWh, which is derived from a total UK domestic electricity consumption of 117.589 terawatt-hours (TWh) and 25.2 million UK households giving 4,666 kWh per year per household. The figure takes into account fluctuations in wind speeds, including when the wind speed is too low for the turbines to operate.

2. npower renewables is one of the UK's leading renewable energy developers and operators, committed to developing and operating wind farms and hydro plant to produce sustainable and environmentally-friendly electricity. The company operates 17 hydroelectric power projects and 19 wind farms in the UK, including the country's first major offshore wind farm, North Hoyle. npower renewables is also working with marine energy technology partners to deliver new wave and tidal

stream power projects in the UK. Through our existing projects and those in development, we are working in close partnership with communities and companies throughout the UK. As Government policy drives the UK towards a target of supplying 10% of electricity from renewables by 2010, and 15% by 2015, we will be at the forefront of realising this aim.

npower renewables is a fully owned subsidiary of RWE Innogy, and sister company to RWE npower, a leading integrated UK energy company, whose activities include the co-firing of biomass and the implementation of a major energy efficiency programme.

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