

Horizon Nuclear Power welcomes NPS publication

Horizon Nuclear Power today (23 June 2011) welcomed the publication by the Department for Energy and Climate Change of the energy-specific National Policy Statements (NPS).

The publication of the six statements (EN1 – 6) sets the strategic backdrop for the planning process for a range of projects, including the development of new nuclear power stations.

Alan Raymant, COO of Horizon, said:

"The publication of these statements represents another step forward towards the delivery of new nuclear developments in the UK.

"Both Wylfa and Oldbury are excellent sites for new build and approved National Policy Statements are necessary to allow us to progress our planning applications. We're keen to see timely consideration of these important documents in Parliament."

Horizon said the Office for Nuclear Regulation's assessment of reactor technologies was also important.

"The Generic Design Assessment timetable has quite rightly been adapted to make sure any lessons learned from the events in Japan can be incorporated, enabling us to set out a clear, confident safety case alongside our planning application," said Raymant.

"New nuclear developments can provide the UK with a clean, secure and sustainable energy future."

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Notes to editors:

1. The National Policy Statements were developed following the 2008 Planning Act and will be considered by the Infrastructure Planning Commission in the development of major infrastructure projects. The statements published today also cover wind generation and grid developments amongst other projects.

2. Horizon Nuclear Power is a UK energy company developing a new generation of nuclear power stations. A joint venture between E.ON UK and RWE npower, we plan to deliver around 6,000 MW of new nuclear power station capacity in the UK by 2025.