#### STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

## 2015 No. 1555

# The Electricity (Competitive Tenders for Offshore Transmission Licences) Regulations 2015

#### **PART 10**

### INVITATION TO TENDER STAGE

#### Determination of preferred bidders at the invitation to tender stage

- 19.—(1) The Authority must evaluate each tender in respect of a particular qualifying project submitted to it by a qualifying bidder in accordance with the evaluation criteria set out in the invitation to tender documentation, in order to determine—
  - (a) which qualifying bidder is to become the preferred bidder in respect of that qualifying project; or
  - (b) whether to hold a best and final offer stage in accordance with the criteria set out in the invitation to tender documentation in respect of that particular qualifying project.
- (2) The Authority may decline to consider a tender submitted to it by a qualifying bidder where the Authority determines that the submitted tender does not comply in any material respect with the requirements specified in the invitation to tender documentation issued in accordance with regulation 18(2).
- (3) Where the Authority does not hold a best and final offer stage in accordance with paragraph (1) (b), the Authority may evaluate each tender in respect of a particular qualifying project submitted to it by a qualifying bidder in accordance with the evaluation criteria set out in the invitation to tender documentation, in order to determine which qualifying bidder is to become the reserve bidder in respect of that qualifying project.