#### STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

# 2016 No. 779

# The Meaford Gas Fired Generating Station Order 2016

#### PART 6

#### MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

# Felling or lopping of trees

- **29.**—(1) The undertaker may fell or lop any tree or shrub within or overhanging land within the Order limits or cut back its roots, if it reasonably believes it to be necessary to do so to prevent the tree or shrub—
  - (a) from obstructing or interfering with the construction, maintenance or operation of the authorised development or any apparatus used in connection with the authorised development; or
  - (b) from constituting a danger to persons using the authorised development.
- (2) In carrying out any activity authorised by paragraph (1), the undertaker shall do no unnecessary damage to any tree or shrub and must pay compensation to any person for any loss or damage arising from such activity.
- (3) Any dispute as to a person's entitlement to compensation under paragraph (2), or as to the amount of compensation, shall be determined under Part 1 of the 1961 Act.

#### Application of landlord and tenant law

- **30.**—(1) This article applies to—
  - (a) any agreement for leasing to any person the whole or any part of the authorised development or the right to operate the same; and
  - (b) any agreement entered into by the undertaker with any person for the construction, maintenance, use or operation of the authorised development, or any part of it,

so far as any such agreement relates to the terms on which any land which is the subject of a lease granted by or under that agreement is to be provided for that person's use.

- (2) No enactment or rule of law regulating the rights and obligations of landlords and tenants prejudices the operation of any agreement to which this article applies.
- (3) Accordingly, no such enactment or rule of law applies in relation to the rights and obligations of the parties to any lease granted by or under any such agreement so as to—
  - (a) exclude or in any respect modify any of the rights and obligations of those parties under the terms of the lease, whether with respect to the termination of the tenancy or any other matter;
  - (b) confer or impose on any such party any right or obligation arising out of or connected with anything done or omitted on or in relation to land which is the subject of the lease, in addition to any such right or obligation provided for by the terms of the lease; or

(c) restrict the enforcement (whether by action for damages or otherwise) by any party to the lease of any obligation of any other party under the lease.

#### Operational land for purposes of the 1990 Act

**31.** Development consent granted by this Order is to be treated as specific planning permission for the purposes of section 264(3)(a) of the 1990 Act (cases in which land is to be treated as not being operational land).

## **Protective provisions**

**32.** Schedule 7 (protective provisions) has effect.

#### Certification of plans etc.

- **33.**—(1) The undertaker must, as soon as practicable after the making of this Order, submit to the Secretary of State copies of—
  - (a) the book of reference;
  - (b) the land plan;
  - (c) the works plans;
  - (d) the access rights of way plan;
  - (e) the environmental statement;
  - (f) the design and access statement;
  - (g) the illustrative landscaping plan;
  - (h) the illustrative foul and surface water drainage plan; and
  - (i) the illustrative cross sections drawing,

for certification that they are true copies of the documents referred to in this Order.

(2) A plan or document so certified is admissible in any proceedings as evidence of the contents of the document of which it is a copy.

#### Service of notices

- **34.**—(1) A notice or other document required or authorised to be served for the purposes of this Order may be served—
  - (a) by post;
  - (b) by delivering it to the person on whom it is to be served or to whom it is to be given or supplied; or
  - (c) with the consent of the recipient and subject to paragraphs (6) to (8) by electronic transmission.
- (2) Where the person on whom a notice or other document to be served for the purposes of this Order is a body corporate, the notice or document is duly served if it is served on the secretary or clerk of that body.
- (3) For the purposes of section 7 of the Interpretation Act 1978(1) as it applies for the purposes of this article, the proper address of any person in relation to the service on that person of a notice

<sup>(1) 1978</sup> c.30. Section 7 was amended by paragraph 19 of Schedule 10 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (c.27). There are other amendments not relevant to this Order.

or document under paragraph (1) is, if that person has given an address for service, that address, and otherwise—

- (a) in the case of the secretary or clerk of a body corporate, the registered or principal office of that body; and
- (b) in any other case, the last known address of that person at the time of service.
- (4) Where for the purposes of this Order a notice or other document is required or authorised to be served on a person as having any interest in, or as the occupier of, land and the name or address of that person cannot be ascertained after reasonable enquiry, the notice may be served by—
  - (a) addressing it to that person by name or by the description of "owner", or as the case may be "occupier", of the land (describing it); and
  - (b) either leaving it in the hands of a person who is or appears to be resident or employed on the land or leaving it conspicuously affixed to some building or object on or near the land.
- (5) Where a notice or other document required to be served or sent for the purposes of this Order is served or sent by electronic transmission the requirement is to be taken to be fulfilled only where—
  - (a) the recipient of the notice or other document to be transmitted has given consent to the use of electronic transmission in writing or by electronic transmission;
  - (b) the notice or document is capable of being accessed by the recipient;
  - (c) the notice or document is legible in all material respects; and
  - (d) in a form sufficiently permanent to be used for subsequent reference.
- (6) Where the recipient of a notice or other document served or sent by electronic transmission notifies the sender within seven days of receipt that the recipient requires a paper copy of all or part of that notice or other document the sender must provide such a copy as soon as reasonably practicable.
- (7) Any consent to the use of electronic transmission given by a person may be revoked by that person in accordance with paragraph (8).
- (8) Where a person is no longer willing to accept the use of electronic transmission for any of the purposes of this Order—
  - (a) that person must give notice in writing or by electronic transmission revoking any consent given by that person for that purpose; and
  - (b) such revocation is to be final and is to take effect on a date specified by the person in the notice but that date must not be less than seven days after the date on which the notice is given.
- (9) This article does not exclude the employment of any method of service not expressly provided for by it.
  - (10) In this article—

"address" includes any number or address used for the purposes of electronic transmission;

- "electronic transmission" means a communication transmitted—
- (a) by means of an electronic communications network, or
- (b) by other means in electronic form.

#### Procedure in relation to certain approvals

**35.**—(1) Where an application is made to or a request is made of the relevant planning authority, traffic authority, highway authority, street authority or the owner of a watercourse, sewer or drain for any consent, agreement or approval required or contemplated by any of the provisions of the Order (not including the requirements), such consent, agreement or approval to be validly given, must be given in writing and must not be unreasonably withheld.

- (2) Schedule 8 (procedure for discharge of requirements) has effect in relation to all consents, agreements or approvals granted, refused or withheld in relation to the requirements in Schedule 2 (requirements).
- (3) The procedure set out in paragraph 3 of Schedule 8 (procedure for discharge of requirements) has effect in relation to any other consent, agreement or approval required under this Order.

## Arbitration

**36.** Any difference under any provision of this Order, unless otherwise provided for, is to be referred to and settled by a single arbitrator to be agreed between the parties or, failing agreement, to be appointed on the application of either party (after giving notice in writing to the other) by the Secretary of State.