

POLICY NOTE

THE ELECTRICITY (APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT) AMENDMENT (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013

SSI 2013/58

The above instrument was made in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 36(8) and 60(3) of, and paragraph 1(3) of Schedule 8 to, the Electricity Act 1989. The instrument is subject to negative procedure.

Policy Objectives

The purpose of this instrument is to increase the fees payable for applications under The Electricity Act by 20%. This is achieved by the replacement of the fee table from the 2006 regulations, with a new table. No other changes have been made.

Consultation

Sections 36(8) and 60(3) of, and paragraph 1(3) of Schedule 8 to, the Electricity Act 1989 contains no formal requirements for consultation. An informal consultation was undertaken in summer 2012 which considered the idea of raising fee levels and any expectations of service. This consultation was directed towards the energy industry and Planning Authorities and the responses to this shaped the further discussions which resulted in the agreement for a 20% increase in fees.

Impact Assessments

An equality impact assessment has not been completed on The Electricity (Applications for Consent) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2013 as it was considered that the increase of 20% of the fee paid would not result in any additional equality impact issues.