

Planning Act 2008

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PART 3

NATIONALLY SIGNIFICANT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Energy

18 LNG facilities

- (1) The construction of an LNG facility is within section 14(1)(d) only if (when constructed) the facility will be in England and—
 - (a) the storage capacity of the facility is expected to be at least 43 million standard cubic metres, or
 - (b) the maximum flow rate of the facility is expected to be at least 4.5 million standard cubic metres per day.

(2) The alteration of an LNG facility is within section 14(1)(d) only if the facility is in England and the effect of the alteration is expected to be—

- (a) to increase by at least 43 million standard cubic metres the storage capacity of the facility, or
- (b) to increase by at least 4.5 million standard cubic metres per day the maximum flow rate of the facility.
- (3) "LNG facility" means a facility for-
 - (a) the reception of liquid natural gas from outside England,
 - (b) the storage of liquid natural gas, and
 - (c) the regasification of liquid natural gas.
- (4) In this section—

"maximum flow rate", in relation to a facility, means the maximum rate at which gas is able to flow out of the facility, on the assumption that—

(a) the facility is filled to maximum capacity, and

- (b) the rate is measured after regasification of the liquid natural gas and any other processing required on the recovery of the gas from storage;
- "storage capacity" means the capacity of the facility for storage of liquid natural gas.
- (5) The storage capacity of an LNG facility is to be measured as if the gas were stored in regasified form.