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The Pipe-line Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2000

Further information and evidence respecting environmental statements

8.—(1) Where the Secretary of State has been provided with an environmental statement in connection with an EIA application, he may in writing require the applicant concerned to provide such further information as he may specify, including such evidence as he may reasonably require in support of anything contained in such statement.

(2) Where, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, any of the information provided pursuant to a requirement imposed under paragraph (1) above ought to have been included in the environmental statement in question, the Secretary of State shall notify the applicant in writing accordingly, specifying the information in question, and the provisions of paragraphs (3) to (7) below shall apply in respect of such information.

(3) The applicant shall serve a copy of the further information on any person on whom the environmental statement was required to be served under regulation 7(3)(b) above, together with a notice referring to the material previously served on that person and stating that further representations may be made in writing to the Secretary of State by a date specified in the notice which shall be at least 28 days after the date on which the further information and notice were served on that person and the applicant shall notify the Secretary of State of the name of every such person on whom he has served those documents and the date of such service.

(4) The applicant shall make available to the public copies of the EIA application, the environmental statement and the further information in the same way as the applicant previously made available the application and the environmental statement for the period commencing on the date of first publication of the notice referred to in paragraph (5) below and expiring on a date not less than 28 days after the date on which the notice is to be last published, in each case whether pursuant to paragraph (5) or (6) below.

(5) The applicant shall publish in two successive weeks in one or more local newspapers circulating in each area in which the relevant pipe-line works would be carried out a notice—

- (a) referring to the previous notice in respect of the application and environmental statement and stating that further information is available supplementing the environmental statement which has already been provided;
- (b) stating that a copy of the application, environmental statement and further information may be inspected by members of the public;
- (c) giving the address and times at which copies of those documents may be inspected and the latest date (being a date not less than 28 days after the date on which the notice is to be last published, whether pursuant to this paragraph or paragraph (6) below) on which they will be available for inspection;
- (d) giving the address at which copies of the environmental statement and further information may be obtained and stating that copies of those documents may be obtained there and, subject to regulation 9 below, specifying the amount of any charge to be made for a copy of the statement or information; and

(e) stating that any person wishing to make representations about the application should make them in writing to the Secretary of State by a date not less than 28 days after the date on which the notice is to be last published, whether pursuant to this paragraph or paragraph (6) below and specifying the address to which any such representations should be sent.

(6) The applicant shall also publish a copy of the notice referred to in paragraph (5) above in the Gazette.

(7) The applicant shall provide the Secretary of State with copies of each of the newspapers and the Gazette in which the notices referred to in paragraphs (5) and (6) above appeared, in each case no later than 7 days after the date of publication of those newspapers and the Gazette.