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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2009 No. 1340**

**The Electricity (Competitive Tenders for Offshore  
Transmission Licences) Regulations 2009**

**PART 9**

**EVALUATION STAGE**

**Best and final offer**

**15.**—(1) Where regulation 14(3) applies, the Authority shall determine in accordance with the evaluation criteria set out in the invitation to tender documentation, which qualifying bidders shall be invited to participate in a best and final offer stage.

(2) The Authority shall give notice to each qualifying bidder as to whether they have or have not been invited to participate in a best and final offer stage.

(3) The Authority shall send to the selected qualifying bidders the best and final offer documentation, which shall include the information specified in Schedule 5.

(4) The Authority shall evaluate each best and final offer in respect of a particular qualifying project submitted to it by a qualifying bidder in accordance with the evaluation criteria set out in the best and final offer documentation, in order to determine which qualifying bidder shall become the preferred bidder in respect of that qualifying project.

(5) The Authority may evaluate each best and final offer in respect of a particular qualifying project submitted to it by a qualifying bidder in accordance with the evaluation criteria set out in the best and final offer documentation, in order to determine which qualifying bidder shall become the reserve bidder in respect of that qualifying project.

(6) The Authority may decline to consider a best and final offer submitted to it by a qualifying bidder where the Authority determines that the submitted best and final offer does not comply in any material respect with the requirements specified in the best and final offer documentation sent in accordance with paragraph (3).