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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2015 No. 1555**

**The Electricity (Competitive Tenders for Offshore  
Transmission Licences) Regulations 2015**

**PART 8**

**PRE-QUALIFICATION STAGE**

**Determination of qualifying bidders at the pre-qualification stage**

**15.**—(1) The Authority must evaluate each completed pre-qualification questionnaire submitted to it by a bidder in accordance with the evaluation criteria set out in the pre-qualification documentation, in order to determine in respect of each qualifying project within that tender round—

- (a) where a qualification to tender stage is to be held, which bidders are to become qualifying bidders and be invited to participate in the qualification to tender stage in accordance with regulation 16; or
- (b) where a qualification to tender stage is not to be held, which bidders are to become qualifying bidders and be invited to participate in the invitation to tender stage in accordance with regulation 18.

(2) The Authority may decline to consider a pre-qualification questionnaire submitted to it by a bidder where the Authority determines that the submitted pre-qualification questionnaire does not comply in any material respect with the requirements specified in the pre-qualification documentation issued in accordance with regulation 14(1)(a) or regulation 14(2)(a).

(3) The Authority must give notice to each bidder of its determination in accordance with paragraph (1) or (2) and give reasons for its determination.