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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2015 No. 1555**

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

**PART 10**

**INVITATION TO TENDER STAGE**

**Invitation to tender**

**18.**—(1) In respect of the invitation to tender stage, the Authority may give notice to relevant qualifying bidders requiring each bidder to make a payment to the Authority of an amount determined by the Authority to be reasonable for the purpose of recovering the Authority's tender costs.

(2) The Authority must issue to all relevant qualifying bidders the invitation to tender documentation, which must include the information specified in Schedule 5.

(3) The Authority must invite all qualifying bidders who have been issued the invitation to tender documentation in accordance with paragraph (2) to submit a tender in respect of one or more qualifying projects in accordance with the requirements set out in the invitation to tender documentation.

(4) The submission of a tender by a qualifying bidder is an application for the offshore transmission licence to which the tender exercise relates.

(5) In this regulation, "relevant qualifying bidder" means—

- (a) where a qualification to tender stage has been held, a qualifying bidder that the Authority, in accordance with regulation 17(1), has determined to invite to participate in the invitation to tender stage; or
- (b) where a qualification to tender stage has not been held, a bidder that the Authority, in accordance with regulation 15(1)(b), has determined to invite to participate in the invitation to tender stage.