

ENERGY & UTILITIES

Biomass



A DEDICATED ENERGY PRACTICE

Our dedicated Energy & Utilities team is made up of a large multi-discipline group of experienced professionals located across all Addleshaw Goddard offices with a proven track record of working with a blend of utilities regulators, Government, large energy companies and a myriad of developers and funders who are active in the sector.

Our work with the Regulators and Government on the development and interpretation of regulation ensures we understand the regulatory background. We are used to advising on the legal challenges faced by public bodies making decisions and exercising discretion against the background of complex and often ambiguous legislation. In addition, we understand the commercial challenges faced by those operating in the energy sphere, and have the know-how to deliver expert and pragmatic advice.

We understand the industry from all angles which we see as key to providing you the support that you need.

The practice comprises of a core team of partners dedicated to Energy and Utilities work, who have a deep insight of the industry and the people working in it. This team is closely supported by lawyers from across our full service disciplines who are used to applying their knowledge against the background of the energy and utilities sector.

Our biomass practice

At Addleshaw Goddard we believe that biomass is a necessary part of the energy mix as our economy moves towards a low carbon future. Unlike the majority of renewable energy sources it can provide reliable 'on demand' generation. Such generation is vital to complement the deployment of large amounts of intermittent generation.

Our experience means that we are ideally placed to advise on all aspects of biomass projects from inception to commissioning. We are committed to helping the efficient, cost effective and rapid roll out of biomass projects.

Whether you need advice on planning applications, property arrangements, joint ventures, funding options, grid connection, construction or energy sale arrangements we have the experience and specialist knowledge to help.

Experience

Our experience in relation to Biomass projects includes advising:

- ▶ **Tata Chemicals Europe Limited** in relation to the development of a 65MW sustainable energy project at their Northwich facility
- ▶ **Energy Works** in relation to a £150m 30MW merchant waste wood biomass project including in relation to the provision of a substantial European grant to part fund the development
- ▶ **Associated British Foods** in relation to the development of a 35MW straw fired biomass CHP project and in relation to the largest biomass power station in Europe
- ▶ **Foresight** on the investment of Green Investment Bank matched funding in a number of biomass plants in the UK
- ▶ **Equitix** in relation to the investment of Green Investment Bank funds in several investments in biomass heating projects including the investment of £24m across a complex project to delivery biomass heating systems to 21 poultry farm sites
- ▶ **Drax Group** in relation to the conversion of coal generators to co-fire biomass and in relation to biomass supply and logistics arrangements for its power station in Selby – the largest electricity generating station in the UK responsible for 7% of its generation capacity
- ▶ **MITIE** in relation to the construction and operation of a CHP Energy Centre on the Isle of Wight and in Bracknell – using locally sourced wood
- ▶ **The Cooperative Group** on a series of waste wood/CHP investments
- ▶ For **an undisclosed technology developer** on joint venture arrangements and the project financing of over 10 3MW biomass to energy power plants all at different stages of maturity from planning through to financial close. These deals included advising on joint venture arrangements, property matters, power purchase, connection, equipment and fuel supply arrangements, and the full spectrum of project financing documents
- ▶ **Kelda** in relation to investing in three existing power stations with innovative biomass technology and rolling that investment out to three power stations in the United States.

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