

ENERGY & UTILITIES

Downstream Energy



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 Downstream Energy Practice

The energy supply chain remains a place of change. It is now a highly politicised environment and that combined with low oil prices, concerns about security of supply and the continued need to de-carbonise energy means most mature economies we work in have a lot of activity in this space.

What makes us unusual is we understand the whole down and midstream supply chain, whether that is thermal, wires, regulatory or customers. See below the sort of work we are trusted to deliver on.

Experience

Our extensive experience includes advising:

Gas

- Scotia Gas Networks on the high and low pressure new gas pipelines in Northern Ireland known as "Gas to the West"
- Seven Energy on it's purchase of gas pipelines and power stations in Nigeria
- British Gas/Centrica on the first three biomethane gas to grid projects in the UK
- Gate LNG and follow on funding work
- National Grid in relation to the property elements of the disposal of the gas distribution business

Generation

- Several carbon capture consortia including the successful Peel/Consortia
- SSE on the recently aborted Peterhead CCS project
- Hyundai Heavy Industries on a 2000MW oil fired power station in Saudi Arabia
- ► Gaz de France Suez on the mothballing of an 1800MW gas fired CCGT power station in the North East of England
- Tata Chemicals Europe on the purchase of a large power station with CHP capacity from EON
- Scottish & Southern Energy on several power station issues including the fire at Ferrybridge and potential closure of Fiddlers Ferry
- Drax Power on it's biomass conversion position
- On the purchase of Repono and its fleet of capacity mechanism contracts

Networks

- National Grid on capacity mechanism issues
- > National Grid on Transmission System Use of System charging and compatibility with EU legislation
- Northern Ireland Electricity on the introduction of contestability in connections in NI
- A very large T&D owner in GB on contestability, demand side (distribution) and interconnectors
- Peel Utilities and several other ICPs in relation to relevant sites

Regulatory

- Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation on price controls and contractual arrangements and the Single Electricity Market in Northern Ireland including operator/interface issues
- Department of Energy & Climate Change on legislation to introduce community ownership for generation
- Ofgem on offshore transmission policy, licences, market norms including construction advice

Customers and supply

- Sainsburys, Travelodge, Diageo, Royal Mail Group, ABF, HS1 and others in relation to long term electricity and gas supply
- South East Water in relation to an innovative and long term electricity supply and trading contract
- ► Gaz de France Suez on issues surrounding default and disconnections
- Ovo Energy on their energy supply joint venture with Cheshire East council
- Several clients on private wire and class exemption supply

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