

Company Directive

POLICY DOCUMENT : EW1/2

Relating to Overhead Line, Underground Cables and Substation Consents

Policy Summary

This Policy document outlines the Company Policy on obtaining consent for overhead lines, underground cables and substations, and the acquisition of routes and sites.

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Target Staff Group	Staff responsible for estates and wayleaves matters
Impact of Change	Green – minor changes to reflect modernisation of previous version
Planned Assurance checks	PAD/POL/ST Approvers shall undertake ongoing checks to ensure policy is being written and disseminated in compliance with this policy

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IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Introduction

This Policy document outlines the Company Policy on obtaining consent for overhead lines, underground cables and substations, and the acquisition of routes and sites.

Main Changes

Minor changes to reflect modernisation of previous version.

Impact of Changes

The impact of the changes is minimal.

Implementation Actions

The management changes which this document reflects are permanent and so will apply to all future PAD/POL/STs in this series.

Implementation Timetable

The changes are effective immediately.

REVISION HISTORY

Document Revision & Review Table		
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In order to erect overhead lines or to lay underground cables across land not in WPD's ownership, WPD must obtain the agreement of the owner, and the occupier.
- 1.2 The erection of overhead lines requires, in general, the consent of the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, except in certain circumstances.
- 1.3 The erection of substations does not require the Planning consent of the Local Authority, except in certain circumstances.

2.0 POLICY

- 2.1 It is WPD policy to follow the correct consultation process when seeking to erect overhead lines, lay underground cables and to erect substations, and to consult with Local Authority Planning Officers in all cases where it is thought prudent that they should be consulted, even though consultation is not a legal requirement.
- 2.2 The following Standard Techniques and Policy Documents also include requirements relating to the need to obtain consents and procedures to be followed.
 - ST:EW1A - DBEIS Consent for Erection of Overhead Lines
 - ST:EW1B - Local Authority Consent for Substations
 - ST:EW1D - Acquisition of Routes and Sites
 - ST:EW1F - Removal of Hedgerows
 - ST:EW1G - Contaminated Land
 - ST:EW1AB - Environmental Impact Assessments
 - ST:EW3B - Work in Protected Areas (AONB's, SSSI's, Monuments, National Trust etc.)
 - POL:GE14 - Access to Railway Infrastructure and Work at Level Crossings
 - POL:GE19 - Works near Watercourses and Flood Defences – Legal Duties to Consult with Environmental Agency

APPENDIX A

SUPERSEDED DOCUMENTS

This document supersedes POL: EW1/1 dated April 2006 which has now been withdrawn.

APPENDIX B

RECORD OF COMMENT DURING CONSULTATION

No comments received.

APPENDIX C

ANCILLARY DOCUMENTS

The Electricity Act 1989 (as amended by the Utilities Act 2000).

Joint Circular: Department of the Environment Circular 14/90.
 Welsh Office Circular 20/90.
 Department of Energy Circular 1/90.

Statutory Instrument 1990 No 442 - The Electricity and Pipeline Works (assessment of Environmental Effects) Regulations 1990.

The Distribution Code of the Public Electricity Suppliers of England and Wales (Distribution Code).

General Permitted Development Order 1995, Schedule 2, Part 17, Class G - Electricity Undertakings.

And others listed in the Policy Documents referenced in 2.2.

APPENDIX D

POLICY IMPACT

Relevant to all staff involved in planning, erecting or maintaining overhead lines, underground cables, or substations, and staff involved in the acquisition of routes and sites for such installations.

APPENDIX E

KEY WORDS

Consent, Overhead lines, Substations, Underground cables, Landowners' agreement, Occupiers' agreement, Planning.