Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum Keynote Seminar The UK's Renewable Energy Strategy: count down to 2020

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 10th May 2012

Venue: Harvey Goodwin Suite, Church House Conference Centre, Dean's Yard, Westminster, London SW1P 3NZ

Agenda subject to change

8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee

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9.00 - 9.05 Chairman's opening remarks

Lord Oxburgh, Board Member, Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology (POST)

9.05 - 9.35 Renewables delivery outlook

What progress has been made so far in delivering the UK's Renewable Energy Strategy? What patterns have emerged and are likely to emerge in the take-up of the different types of renewable energy? Is the UK on track to achieve its 2020 targets?

Gaynor Hartnell, Chief Executive, REA (Renewable Energy Association)

Questions and comments from the floor

9.35 - 10.05 The UK's Renewable Energy Strategy: progress and next steps

The UK's Renewable Energy Roadmap was launched in July 2011 as a comprehensive action plan to accelerate the UK's deployment and use of renewable energy with a view to achieving the 2020 targets. What progress has been made in meeting these objectives? What further work is required? What are the next stages for the Renewables Obligation Banding Review and what steps need to be taken to ensure that renewables developers are receiving the support required to maintain their investments? As 2020 draws closer, what more can the renewable energies industry expect from DECC?

Professor Bernie Bulkin, Chair, Office of Renewable Energy Deployment, Department of Energy and Climate Change

Questions and comments from the floor

10.05 - 10.55 Assessing Government strategy and the role of the renewable energies industry in achieving the 2020 targets

Is the Government's strategy for achieving the UK's 2020 targets succeeding? What, if anything, could be added to improve the chances of the strategy succeeding? Going forward, what steps is the renewable energies industry taking itself in helping to achieve the targets? What more could the Government do to support the renewable energies industry in working towards 2020?

Alistair Davison, Development Director, Royal Haskoning

Sarah Samuel, Head of Sustainable Energy Policy, Ofgem

Ross Fairley, Partner and Head of Energy and Environment, Burges Salmon

Professor Peter Fraenkel, Co-founder and Technical Director (2000-2012), Marine Current Turbines

Alex Nevill, Biofuels Agronomy Manager, Shell Questions and comments from the floor

10.55 - 11.00 Chairman's closing remarks

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11.00 - 11.30 Coffee

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Laura Sandys MP, Member, Energy and Climate Change Select Committee

11.35 - 12.25 The financial, practical and technical challenges to achieving the 2020 targets

How can investment in renewable energy be grown in the run-up to 2020? In the long term is the Green Investment Bank the optimal policy choice as a funding vehicle for the UK's renewable energy industry? What impact is the changing nature of the UK's planning system likely to have on the UK's Renewable Energy Strategy? How can local needs be balanced against the growth of renewable energy? Is UK infrastructure 'smart' enough to facilitate the levels of renewable energy required to meet the 2020 targets?

Ian McCubbin, Senior Consultant, Energy & Climate Change Practice, ERM

Dr Jonathan Radcliffe, Head, Analysis Team, Energy Research Partnership (ERP)

Dr Gordon Edge, Director of Policy, RenewableUK

Gillian Frew, Partner, Pinsent Masons

Dr Graham Cooley, Chief Executive Officer, ITM Power

Questions and comments from the floor

12.25 - 12.55 A vision beyond 2020: the long-term strategy for UK renewable energy

Dr Tony Cocker, Chief Executive, E.ON UK Questions and comments from the floor

12.55 - 13.00 Chairman's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks

Laura Sandys MP, Member, Energy and Climate Change Select Committee

Ben Goodwin, Senior Producer, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum