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**Subject: Consent for Bradwell Wind Farm**

RWE npower renewables has been given consent by the Planning Inspectorate to build a 10 turbine wind farm near Bradwell-on-Sea in Essex.

The wind farm was the subject of a recent public inquiry which took place in November 2009 and was held before a Government Planning Inspector at Cold Norton in Essex.

This is the second inquiry into Bradwell Wind Farm. The first public inquiry was held over a three week period in June 2007 and the wind farm was granted planning permission, by the planning inspector, in September of that year.

However, planning permission was then quashed in June 2008 because of drafting errors in two of the planning conditions.

This technicality meant that the application for the wind farm had to go back to the Planning Inspectorate to be re-determined. All of the evidence was presented to a new Inspector who considered the scheme afresh.

Melissa Read, from RWE npower renewables said, “We are very pleased to have received planning permission for Bradwell Wind Farm and, once operational, the wind farm will make a significant contribution towards UK renewable energy targets.”

“We will continue to work with the local community to keep them informed throughout the next stages of development and as the wind farm is built. “

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Bradwell Wind Farm will comprise 10 turbines, each with a height of up to 121 metres (including blades) and will have a total generating capacity of between 15 and 25 megawatts.

Wind farms contribute towards supplying the electricity that we all use, but in a way that avoids the emissions of the greenhouse gas carbon dioxide.

Wind farms are not reliant on the import of fossil fuels such as gas or oil, and so contribute towards security of UK energy supply.

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In England, RWE npower renewables operates six onshore wind farms and one hydroelectric power project. The company has numerous other projects at various stages of development throughout the country.

RWE npower renewables is a sister company to RWE npower, a leading integrated UK energy company with around 6.8 million customer accounts. RWE npower also owns and operates a flexible portfolio of conventional power stations as well as a portfolio of cogeneration plant producing more than 10% of the electricity used in

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