

1 Introduction

Good Energy's electricity comes from certified renewable sources like sunshine, wind and water. It is an environmentally responsible company which is at the forefront of the green electricity supply market. Good Energy has an active policy to supply electricity that has been generated from "deep green" renewable technologies.

This Procurement Policy has been produced to provide clear guidelines on responsible purchasing of renewable electricity by Good Energy.

This is to ensure that the electricity that Good Energy sources and supplies does not result in a net increase in atmospheric levels of CO₂ and does not contribute to climate change. Above and beyond the aim of reducing the impacts of climate change, Good Energy believes it is important that its sources of renewable energy do not impact on the environment in other ways, such as ecological and socio-economic impacts.

Good Energy will only purchase from renewable generators that have proven records of environmental responsibility and that can demonstrate compliance with all regulatory requirements, both planning and environmental.

Good Energy's strategy is to actively seek out and contract renewable generators up to an installed capacity of 50MW. The current and proposed procurement policy is laid out below.

2 Environmental & Planning Criteria

2.1. Meeting Criteria

As part of their due diligence process Good Energy will ensure that all prospective generators meet the following criteria before entering into a contract:

2.1.1. In the case of all technologies this includes:

- Compliance with planning regulations
- Minimal sound, visual and ecological effects (e.g. minimal impact on wildlife)

2.1.2. In the case of hydro this will include:

- Assessing the water quality and flow
- Measures to reduce flood risk
- Measures to allow passes for aquatic life

2.1.3. In the case of wind energy this will include:

- Siting of wind turbines to minimise impact on bird populations

2.1.4. In the case of biogeneration this will include:

- All criteria set out in Good Energy's Biogeneration Procurement Policy

2.1.5. In the case of Solar energy this will include:

- Land usage consideration - in order of preference Good Energy will support:
 - Building mounted site installations,
 - Pontoon mounted site installations (floating),
 - Multi-use, raised ground-based Brownfield/ non-farmable,
 - Single-use, ground-based Brownfield/non-farmable,
 - Multi-use, raised ground-based farmable,
 - Single-use, ground-based farmable,