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# ELECTRICITY

# The Electricity (Individual Exemption from the Requirement for a Transmission Licence) (Dogger Bank A) Order 2025

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| *Made - - - -* | *9th January2025* |
| *Laid before Parliament* | *15th January 2025* |
| *Coming into force* | *10th February 2025* |

The Secretary of State makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 5(1) and (6)(b) of the Electricity Act 1989(**a**).

The Secretary of State has given notice of the proposal to make this Order in accordance with section 5(2) and (3) of that Act and has consulted with the Scottish Ministers(**b**), and has considered any representations made.

**Citation, commencement, extent and application**

**1.**—(1) This Order may be cited as the Electricity (Individual Exemption from the Requirement for a Transmission Licence) (Dogger Bank A) Order 2025 and comes into force on 10th February 2025.

(2) This Order extends to England and Wales and Scotland.

**Exemption from section 4(1)(b) of the Electricity Act 1989**

**2.**—(1) The Secretary of State grants exemption from section 4(1)(b) of the Electricity Act 1989(**c**) (prohibition on unlicensed transmission of electricity for supply) to Doggerbank Offshore Wind Farm Project 1 Projco Limited in respect of transmission(**d**) taking place over the transmission system(**e**) connected to the Dogger Bank A Offshore Wind Farm.

(2) The exemption in paragraph (1) applies for the period beginning with 10th February 2025 and ending with the earlier of—

(**a**) 1989 c. 29; section 5 was substituted by section 29 of the Utilities Act 2000 (c. 27), and relevant amendments were made by S.I. 2014/631 and 2022/34.

(**b**) Under article 4 of, and Schedule 3 to, the Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/1750), functions under section 5(1) of the Electricity Act 1989 are, in so far as they are exercisable in or as regards Scotland, only exercisable after consultation with the Scottish Ministers.

(**c**) Section 4(1)(b) of the Electricity Act 1989 was substituted by section 135(1) and (2) of the Energy Act 2004 (c. 20).

(**d**) The definition of "transmission" was inserted into section 4(4) of the Electricity Act 1989 by section 135(1) and (4) of the Energy Act 2004.

(**e**) The definition of "transmission system" was inserted into section 4(4) of the Electricity Act 1989 by section 135(1) and (4) of the Energy Act 2004.

(a) the day after the day on which the transmission system connected to Dogger Bank A Offshore Wind Farm is transferred to a successful bidder(**a**);

(b) 19th December 2025.

(3) In this article—

"Dogger Bank A Offshore Wind Farm" means the generating station located approximately 100 kilometres from the shore, in the North Sea and off the Yorkshire coast, its coordinates at its central point being Latitude 54° 46.995 and Longitude 1° 51.268;

"Doggerbank Offshore Wind Farm Project 1 Projco Limited" means Doggerbank Offshore Wind Farm Project 1 Projco Limited, a company registered in England and Wales with the company number 07791991.

*Michael Shanks*
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

9th January 2025

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order grants exemption from the requirement to hold an electricity transmission licence.

Section 4(1)(b) of the Electricity Act 1989 (c. 29) prohibits the transmission of electricity for supply without a licence. The Secretary of State, exercising the powers under section 5(1) of that Act, grants a time limited exemption from the requirement to hold a transmission licence to Doggerbank Offshore Wind Farm Project 1 Projco Limited in respect of the Dogger Bank A Offshore Wind Farm.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as it is a temporary measure. No, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen.

An Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared and is available alongside this instrument at www.legislation.gov.uk.

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(**a**) For the meaning of "successful bidder", see section 6CD(6) of the Electricity Act 1989. Section 6CD was inserted by section 203(1) of, and paragraphs 1 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 15 to, the Energy Act 2023 (c. 52).

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