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Standing Orders of the House of Commons - Private Business 2005

27A.-(1) Subject to paragraph (8) below, in the case of a bill authorising the carrying out of works the nature and extent of which are specified in the bill on land so specified, there shall be deposited on or before 4th December in the Private Bill Office and at the public departments at which copies of the bill are required to be deposited under Standing Order 39 (Deposit of copies of bills at Treasury and other public departments, etc.), either-

Environmental
assessment.
(HL 27A)

(a) a copy or copies (as specified by paragraph (2) below) of an environmental statement containing, in relation to the works authorised by the bill

(i) the information referred to in Part II of Schedule 4 to the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England and Wales) Regulations 1999 (S.I. 1999, No. 293) (referred to below as "Schedule 4"), and so much of the information referred to in Part I of that Schedule as is reasonably required to assess the environmental effect of the works and as the promoters can reasonably be expected to compile; or

(ii) such of that information as the Secretary of State may in any particular case direct, or

(b) a copy or copies (as so specified) of a direction by the Secretary of State that no such statement is necessary in relation to the works authorised by the bill.

(2) Copies shall be deposited in accordance with Standing Order 1A.

(3) Where any such works authorised by a bill relate to two or more distinct projects each project may be treated separately for the purposes of paragraph (1) above: and the references in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of that paragraph to the works authorised by the bill shall accordingly be construed, where the paragraph applies separately to each project, as references to the works comprised in that project.

(4) Notwithstanding any direction given as mentioned in paragraph (1)(a) above, any environmental statement of which copies are deposited under this order shall contain the summary (referred to below as "the non-technical summary") required by paragraph 6 of Part I and paragraph 5 of Part II of Schedule 4.

(5) Where the Secretary of State has given a direction as mentioned in paragraph (1)(a) above, a copy of the direction shall be deposited with every copy of the environmental statement deposited under this order; and every copy of a direction so deposited or deposited under paragraph (1)(b) above

shall be accompanied by a statement by the Secretary of State of his reasons for giving the direction.

(6) Copies of every environmental statement deposited under this order shall be made available for inspection, and for sale at a reasonable price, on and after 4th December, at the offices at which copies of the bill are required to be made available under Standing Order 4A (Copies of bill to be made available); and there shall also be made available separately on and after that date at those offices, for inspection and for sale at a reasonable price, copies of the non-technical summary.

(7) The reference to Schedule 4 in this order is a reference to that schedule as amended from time to time and includes a reference to the corresponding provision of any regulations which re-enact the Town and Country Planning (Environment Impact Assessment) (England and Wales) Regulations 1999, with or without amendment; and references to particular paragraphs of Schedule 4 shall be construed accordingly.

(8) This order does not require the deposit of copies of an environmental statement in relation to any works for which planning permission has been granted.