Construction, Engineering and Projects



The Power Generation and Utilities Sector

Hammonds LLP is one of the largest and most respected construction, engineering and projects legal practices with offices throughout the UK, Europe and Asia. We have experience advising in the Power Generation and Utilities sector in power generation, power transmission and system operation, power distribution and gas distribution.

ESTABLISHED SECTOR EXPERIENCE

Our team has specialists who are experienced in advising upon procurement, contract choice, drafting and negotiation, project management and dispute avoidance of conventional, nuclear and renewable power generation projects as well as transmission and distribution projects both in the UK and overseas. We also recognise that sometimes disputes are unavoidable. Whether claimant or respondent, we can advise you on the many different forms of dispute resolution used in the industry.

PROVEN TRACK-RECORD IN THE SECTOR

Our experience includes advising on UK and international projects involving power stations, oil refineries, pipelines, networks and supply agreements. The size and international scope of our practice coupled with our industry knowledge puts us at the forefront of legal advisers in the sector and our approach gives our clients access to teams of lawyers who combine market knowledge with an international perspective.

EXTENSIVE INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT

We play a key role in advising upon the issues arising on projects in the sector, seeking to manage the cost and minimise the risk to owners, funders, operators and contractors in the industry. Our clients include National Grid, British Energy Generation Limited, Alstom Power Limited, Morrison Utility Services, Simon Carves, Shaw Group UK Limited, Stone & Webster, Abengoa, Vattenfall AB, The Cornwall Light and Power Company, Fulcrum Pipelines Limited, Complete Energy Solutions, Affordable Warmth Solutions and Switch2 Energy Solutions, amongst others.

TRAINING

We can also undertake training programmes for key stakeholders in the Power Generation and Utilities sector. The training we can provide ranges from contract procurement and formation to good project management and dispute avoidance/resolution. We also provide training in the bespoke forms of contract used in the sector.

Equally well regarded for its strengths in both contentious and non-contentious work, this balanced team is able to provide clients with a complete service on construction concerns" Chambers and Partners, 2009

RECENT TEAM HIGHLIGHTS

CLIENT	PROJECT								
Power Generation									
A repair and maintenance power contractor	Advising in relation to a number of adjudications concerning delay and disruption claims on a coal fired power station.								
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An major UK electricity generator company	Advising in relation to a UK domestic arbitration under CIArb. rules on the design and construction of a project to encapsulate nuclear power station Intermediate Level Waste (ILW) resin.								
A major UK energy sub-contractor	Advising on extension of time, disruption, delay and associated costs at a CHP project in County Limerick Ireland								
A major UK energy sub-contractor	Advising on an adjudication at a CHP project in Liverpool.								
A major pharmaceutical company	Advising in relation to the project documentation for the development of a site specific CHP facility								
Power Distribution									
A major Utilities Contractor	Advising in relation to procurement frameworks to be utilised by electricity alliances.								
A service provider	Advising on contractual arrangements for operation and maintenance of infrastructure.								
Gas Distribution									
A major Utilities Contractor	Advising on alliance/coalition agreements with National Grid.								
A Community Interest Company	Advising on the contracts to alleviate fuel poverty.								
A leading utilities infrastructure provider	Advising in connection with competition and negotiation relating to the adoption of gas network infrastructure serving a major East London site.								
A UK owner and operation of the gas network	Advising on alliance agreements.								

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