

Appendix 2

Courtesy translation of the relevant paragraphs of the attached document submitted to the National Environmental Protection Council as “environmental assessment”

Pages 5-6.

English

“The EU Directive 2001/42/EC and the subsequent Government Decree 2/2005 (SEA Decree) require a strategic environmental assessment for plans and programmes, but not for policies. In several EU countries, it is a common practice to carry out environmental assessments for policies as well, but **for this energy policy, the legislative framework did not require an SEA procedure to undertake**. The present study was **developed at the request of the National Environmental Protection Council, and on the basis of its own decision and under its own authority of the Ministry of Economy and Transport**.

The present document was commissioned by the Ministry of Economy and Transport and prepared in May 2007 on the basis of the document version as of May 2007 of the *Energy Policy of Hungary (2007-2020)* of the Ministry of Economy and Transport.

In the course of the elaboration, **subjects listed in Annex 1. of the European Council Directive 2001/42/EC, as well as in Annex 4. of the Government Decree 2/2005 were taken into account, in accordance with the interest and needs of the developer**. The state of play of the draft programme within the decision-making process was also taken into account. Our task was to prepare the environmental assessment document of the programme. This could serve as a basis for the preparation of revised versions of the document and for the public debate on the programme, but participation in this exercise was outside the scope of this assignment.”