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Thursday, 26th November, 2009.

Ms. Cheryl Mundie,
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Dear Ms. Mundie,

Response to Transmission Access Review – Enhanced Transmission Investment Incentives: Initial Proposals (3rd November 2009)
Ref: 135/09

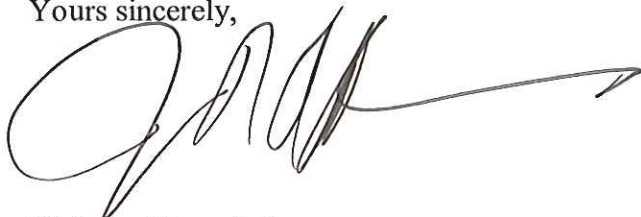
Beinn Mhor Power Limited is currently seeking consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 to build a 140.4MW windfarm (Muaitheabhal Windfarm) situated on the Isle of Lewis; positive determination of this application is expected by mid December 2009 as no objections have been raised by any of the statutory consultees.

This large scale wind project cannot proceed until there is a firm date for its connection to the National Grid. Such a firm date requires certainty as to the completion date of the SHETL Western Isles Link (HVDC submarine link including Lewis infrastructure).

We are pleased to note that, in its consultation document, Ofgem has recognised the need to permit funding in due course to build this much needed link. We also understand Ofgem's consultants' findings that there is currently insufficient consented renewable generation capacity on the Isle of Lewis to justify the expenditure at this time. This will, however, change immediately upon the consent referred to in paragraph 1 above being granted.

We propose that Ofgem consider giving consent for the funding of the Western Isles Link within the current transmission price control period (TPCR4) but contingent only upon the granting of deemed or actual planning consent for renewable generation capacity on Lewis in an amount above a level determined by Ofgem as being the minimum level at which they consider it would be appropriate to build such a link.

Yours sincerely,



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