

Dear Lesley Nugent,

I wish to respond to Ofgem's invitation to comment on the proposal to offer Derogations to facilitate earlier connection of generation to Scottish Hydro- Electric Transmission Ltd.

Our position is that we were granted Planning Consent for generation many years ago and have gradually been developing the scheme as, and when, we were able. As recently as May last year it seemed that connection to the grid within 3-4 months would not be a problem. By mid summer this was no longer so and it was not possible to be given a date for connection.

We continued with the installation in the hope that the situation would be resolved, but with no clear information available and the turbine idle we could no longer afford to wait. We therefore have had to abandon the originally planned intention of offering generation to the grid and have now laid cable directly to our farm and dairy so that, at least we ourselves, will have the benefit of using renewable energy.

It is surely a great pity that an opportunity to make a more useful contribution toward renewable energy has now been lost. The existing situation, where the Transmission Companies are unable to accept modest and even very small generation, because of commitment to accept proposed future generation is a present loss and a great disincentive to potential small scale generators to move forward in a practical and purposeful way.

I hope very much that the derogations under consideration will come into place.

Jeff Reade.