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I fully welcome these changes and consultation, with the extra request that studies be undertaken specifically concerning linking our U.K grid especially the offshore grid to our European allies grid system in far more capacity than at present.

This would help to 'iron out' the varaibility of the grid, especially if as expected to be dominated by Wind and wave farms.

Airtricity have done considerable work on a 'Supergrid'

http://www.trec-uk.org.uk/resources/airtricity_supergrid_V1.4.pdf

system that would help us considerably, especially in winter when high production of power would be expected, as per the recent Spanish example, where over 40% of Spains electricity generation was met for a short time with 18% onshore wind power.

<http://www.treehugger.com/files/2008/03/spain-wind-power-record-41-percent.php>

2: The North Sea, as well as a potential hub or centre for Renewables could be ideally placed for energy storage, in various forms: Compressed air, Flywell, hydrogen etc, etc.

Please consult and study on energy storage from this massive opportunity.

Yours sincerley

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