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Ofgem

To who this may concern,

Response to Ofgem's consultation on the final needs case for the Shetland transmission link project and delivery model

Thank you for your attention with regard to the above consultation. It is evident that during this difficult time and uncertain global financial situation, increased challenges lie head for Ofgem to ensure best value for consumers in the energy market.

I am aware that in response to your latest consultation with regard to the the final needs case for Shetland, two international energy specialists have proposed a 'low cost island friendly' alternative to Viking Energy wind farm and the inter-connector project. I really hope that Ofgem fully consider this new energy proposal for the isles. This solution appears very sensible being that it is a clean energy source as well as safeguarding Shetlands' unique pristine environment. In past years, through cleaver politics, those with vested interests have unfairly portrayed that the only answer to Shetlands' energy solution is the installation of an inter-connector cable.

Over many years, Viking energy have muddled along with considerable indecision and no certainty in achieving it's aspirations. Viking Energy's green credentials and carbon reductions are now as much in question as it's financial situation as new environmental research continues to come to light. It is clear that a an inter-connector would put an extra burden on the UK consumers. Furthermore I believe this new gas project could heal community divisions which have been for years caused by the indecision on the Viking Energy wind farm project.

By reason of all the above, I object to the the revised proposals by SSEN and wholeheartedly hope that Ofgem seriously consider this new 'low cost island friendly' project for Shetland.

Yours sincerely