

Dear Sir or Madam

I am writing to register my objection to the above project.

While being a supporter of alternative energy solutions I do not believe that this project in any way, shape or form can be a viable and 'green' method of providing an electricity supply for Scotland and further afield. An interconnector cable lying on the sea bed between Shetland and mainland Scotland will be subjected to terrible weather, cause issues for the fishing industry and will undoubtedly cause major disruption to the marine life around it. The interconnector that goes from Scotland to Wales seems to have a lot of disruptions and breakdowns, therefore I have no confidence that this will provide a secure, uninterrupted supply of electricity for Shetland. A secondary method of providing electricity will be required on the island for the inevitable disruptions.

When the total carbon cost of this project is taken into account including: manufacturing the turbines; excavations; roads; foundations; transportation to Shetland by diesel burning shipping; to name a few, it cannot be compliant with the Scottish Government's Climate Change Policy. The final product should be net-zero emission but the process in getting there will not be reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Regards