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Dear Andrew,

Interconnector policy review: Working Paper 1 – Review of the cap and floor regime

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the range of working papers about Ofgem’s review of interconnector policy. We will be looking at each of these in turn and responding where needed with comments on their respective concerns.

At this stage, we understand that Ofgem consider the regime remains fit for purpose but with the potential for more flexibility in relation to project timelines and submission deadlines. We support the focus that Ofgem has retained in relation to any future changes being in the interest of consumers and any changes to the regulatory framework supporting in these in terms of cost, security of supply and net zero.

As noted in previous responses to wider offshore developments, SSEN Transmission would encourage Ofgem to ensure that any future changes are not looked at in isolation and should be considered as part of the Offshore Transmission Network Review. This would lend itself to a more centralised view where a strategic approach is necessary given the expected volume of offshore development and ensure the respective teams in Ofgem have a fully informed view of the comments that respondents provide.

We expect these themes to also be applicable to the other related workstreams and we will provide further comments in due course.

Yours sincerely

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