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Dear Sirs

This is a comprehensive Consultation Document which is impressive in its size and content but it is guilty of lacking in one important and vital facet and that is reality. Why are the timescales so long? We are in 2021 and by 2030 it aims to have the legislative framework in place to be able to start mandating any real change to the current practice of laying a bespoke cable run for every discrete development.

Why so long?

The organisations that are involved need to think laterally. Open your minds and don't do it this way because that's what the process says to, invoke a different set of criteria and evolve a different procedure, a practical procedure, which recognises the desperate need to avoid this traditional "one development = one onshore transmission cable routing" mindset and embraces the need to change in now and not in nine years time.

It is clear from the Consultation that an offshore power collection system with minimal links to shore is the only way to go in the future but that doesn't mean in nine years' time - that means the near future.

The Consultation has fallen into the trap of doing things the way they have always been done and has failed to deliver the urgency that was implicit in what the Energy Minister asked for in the White Paper in June 2020.

Yours sincerely

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