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Hi Kelly – further to your e mail of 12 January, we would like to take you up on your offer to pass our thoughts on the Fort Augustus – Skye Transmission line reinforcement needs case. While we are agnostic and do not, at this stage, support your view that a Late Competition delivery solution should be ruled out, we do support your view that;

- i) The need for growth is certain. In recent years we have attempted to develop two major wind farms that would connect into this infrastructure and at least one of these did not progress because of the extent of the challenge posed by grid cost and risk. We agree that an enhanced Skye – Fort Augustus line in accordance with Option 4a would be a major enabler to essential new renewables in the area.
- ii) The uprated infrastructure will be a key enabler for new assets that will be essential for the delivery of Net Zero.
- iii) The “build it once, build it right” approach will deliver efficiencies that will be to the benefit of the energy consumer.

I appreciate that this is a very short response necessitated by time / resource constraint but if you wish to discuss our thoughts before passing through to Ofgem please do not hesitate to let me know. Kindest regards.

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