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Dear Lina

Letter of support for Orkney Transmission Project – Minded-to consultation

I am writing on behalf of Scottish Government to set out our views on the Orkney Transmission Project – Minded-to Consultation.

The Scottish Government is focused on delivering a Just Transition to Net Zero by 2045. Our draft Energy Strategy prioritises economic, social and environmental wellbeing and will keep Scotland on track to achieve Net Zero by 2045, as well as contribute to the wider GB pathway to Net Zero by 2050.

The Orkney Transmission Link of 220MW will not only support continued growth of renewables but will also create a host of wider economic and environmental benefits across the Orkney islands.

In this context we are pleased to see that SSEN's plans to advance the Orkney Transmission Link are being progressed and strongly support Ofgem's minded-to position to revoke the 2019 conditional decision, and to approve the project based on the LOTI delivery model, without a further Final Needs Case submission from SHE-T.

We encourage both Ofgem and SSEN Transmission to continue to work together to ensure timely delivery of this long-awaited strategic investment.

Yours sincerely,

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