

Consultation

Statutory consultation on eight SHET Early Construction Funding applications and corresponding proposed modification to Special Condition 3.41 of their electricity transmission licence

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We are consulting on our minded-to position on the Early Construction Funding (ECF) submission application by Scottish & Southern Electricity Networks Transmission (trading as Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission Plc – ‘SHET’) for eight electricity transmission projects as governed by SHET’s electricity transmission licence (the Licence), Special Condition (SpC) 3.41 ‘Accelerated strategic transmission investment Re-opener and Price Control Deliverable term (ASTIR_t)’. We are also consulting on our corresponding proposed modification to adjust the term ASTIA_t referenced in Appendix 1 of Spc 3.41.

We would like views from people with an interest in new transmission infrastructure, meeting the net zero challenge, and competition in onshore transmission networks. We particularly welcome responses from consumer groups, stakeholders impacted by the project, stakeholders with an interest in the costs of electricity transmission infrastructure, and transmission owners. We would also welcome responses from other stakeholders and the public.

This document outlines the scope, purpose, and questions of the consultation and how you can get involved. Once the consultation is closed, we will consider all responses. We want to be transparent in our consultations. We will publish the non-confidential responses we receive alongside a decision on next steps on our website at [ofgem.gov.uk/consultations](https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/consultations).

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Executive summary

Under the Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission Plc (SHET) electricity transmission licence, Special Condition (SpC) 3.41 'Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment Re-opener and Price Control Deliverable term (ASTIR_t)' - Part C: Early Construction Funding,¹ we can provide Transmission Owners (TOs) with Early Construction Funding (ECF). ECF may not exceed 20% of the total forecast project cost listed in the ASTI Confidential Annex (except in exceptional circumstances) in order to enable permitted early construction activities that are required to accelerate projects ahead of receiving planning permission. The permitted² early construction activities are:

- Strategic land purchases
- Early enabling works
- Early procurement commitments
- Other activities approved in advance by Ofgem

As part of the ECF re-opener mechanism, we will undertake a high-level assessment of the proposed early construction activities to determine whether costs are reasonable, within the stated 20% threshold of total forecasted project cost and are in line with the mechanism's purpose. We will not undertake a detailed cost assessment at this stage, and we will not form a view on whether the proposed expenditure is efficient. We will undertake this as part of a full cost assessment, including early construction costs, at the Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment (ASTI) Project Assessment (PA) stage.

On 26 April, in line with SpC 3.41.9³ and the ASTI Guidance and Submission Requirements Document,⁴ SHET submitted the required minimum eight week advance notice that it was going to make an ECF application regarding eight electricity transmission projects.⁵ SHET's application⁶ was made on 21 June 2024.

¹ [Licences and licence conditions](#), Electricity licences and conditions, Transmission Licence, Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission Plc – Special Conditions

² [Decision to modify the special licence conditions in the electricity transmission licences: Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment](#), Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment Guidance And Submission Requirements Document, paragraph 4.13

³ [Licences and licence conditions](#), Electricity licences and conditions, Transmission Licence, Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission Plc – Special Conditions

⁴ [Decision to modify the special licence conditions in the electricity transmission licences: Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment](#), Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment Guidance And Submission Requirements Document, paragraph 3.12

⁵ See paragraph 1.1

⁶ See paragraph 2.2

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Our minded-to position is to amend the allowances set out for each of these projects in Appendix 1 (ASTIA_t) of SpC 3.41 'Accelerated strategic transmission investment Re-opener and Price Control Deliverable term (ASTIR_t)' in SHET's electricity transmission licence (the Licence) to reflect SHET's full ECF expenditure request. The term will have the value given in the corresponding updated version of the ASTI Confidential Annex.

Next steps

We welcome responses to our consultation on the specific questions we have included in Chapter 2. If you would like to respond to this document, then please send your responses to: RIIOElectricityTransmission@ofgem.gov.uk. The deadline for responses is 10 January 2025. We aim to publish our ECF decision and the decision to modify SHET's licence in spring 2025.

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1. Consultation

What are we consulting on

1.1 This document sets out our minded-to position on SHET's first ECF application for the following eight 'Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment' (ASTI) projects⁷ which have the following Network Options Assessment (NOA)⁸ codes:

Onshore (six projects)

- BLN4: Beaully to Loch Buidhe 400kV Reinforcement
- SLU4: Loch Buidhe to Spittal 400kV Reinforcement
- BBNC: Beaully to Blackhillock 400kV Double Circuit
- BPNC: Blackhillock and Peterhead 400kV Double Circuit
- BDUP: Beaully to Denny 275kV Circuit to 400kV
- TKUP:⁹ East Coast Onshore 400kV Phase 2 reinforcement

Offshore (two projects)

- PSDC: Spittal to Peterhead 2GW HVDC Subsea link
- W.Isles: Arnish to Beaully (Western Isles) HVDC link

1.2 Chapter 2 summarises our view on the ECF application for the eight projects at this stage and our minded-to decision. Our consultation questions are:

- Q1: Do you agree with our minded-to position to provide ECF for the eight projects?
- Q2: Do you agree with our proposed modification to adjust ASTIA_t in Appendix 1 of SpC 3.41?

1.3 Our assessment and minded-to position set out in this document are subject to our consideration of any consultation responses and we invite stakeholders to respond using the contact details set out on the front of this document.

⁷ [Decision on accelerating onshore electricity transmission investment](#), Table 2

⁸ [Network Options Assessment \(NOA\)](#)

⁹ TKUP is a joint venture ASTI project with Scottish Power Transmission Plc. SHET's ECF application is solely for SHET's ECF activities.

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Related publications

- 1.4 Decision on accelerating onshore electricity transmission investment:
[Ofgem.gov.uk/publications/decision-accelerating-onshore-electricity-transmission-investment](https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/decision-accelerating-onshore-electricity-transmission-investment)
- 1.5 Decision to modify the special licence conditions in the electricity transmission licences and corresponding Associated Document: Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment, Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment Guidance And Submission Requirements Document:
[Ofgem.gov.uk/publications/decision-modify-special-licence-conditions-electricity-transmission-licences-accelerated-strategic-transmission-investment](https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/decision-modify-special-licence-conditions-electricity-transmission-licences-accelerated-strategic-transmission-investment)

Consultation stages

Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5
Consultation open	Consultation closes (awaiting decision). Deadline for responses	Responses reviewed and published	Licence modification decision	[if applicable – licence modifications come into effect]
28/11/2024	10/01/2025	Spring 2025	Spring 2025	A minimum of 56 days after the licence modification decision ¹⁰

How to respond

- 1.6 We want to hear from anyone interested in this consultation. Please send your response to the person or team named on this document’s front page.
- 1.7 We have asked for your feedback in each of the questions throughout. Please respond to each one as fully as you can.

¹⁰ Section 11A(9) of the Electricity Act 1989

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- 1.8 We will publish non-confidential responses on our website at www.ofgem.gov.uk/consultations

Your response, data and confidentiality

- 1.9 You can ask us to keep your response, or parts of your response, confidential. We will respect this, subject to obligations to disclose information such as under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, statutory directions, court orders, government regulations or where you give us explicit permission to disclose. If you do want us to keep your response confidential, please clearly mark this on your response and explain why.
- 1.10 If you wish us to keep part of your response confidential, please clearly mark those parts of your response that you *do* wish to be kept confidential and those that you *do not* wish to be kept confidential. Please put the confidential material in a separate appendix to your response. If necessary, we will get in touch with you to discuss which parts of the information in your response should be kept confidential, and which can be published. We might ask for reasons why.
- 1.11 If the information you give in your response contains personal data under the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679) as retained in domestic law following the UK's withdrawal from the European Union ("UK GDPR"), the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority will be the data controller for the purposes of GDPR. Ofgem uses the information in responses in performing its statutory functions and in accordance with section 105 of the Utilities Act 2000. Please refer to our Privacy Notice on consultations contained within Appendix 2.
- 1.12 If you wish to respond confidentially, we will keep your response confidential, but we will publish the number (but not the names) of confidential responses we receive. We will not link responses to respondents if we publish a summary of responses, and we will evaluate each response on its own merits without undermining your right to confidentiality.

General feedback

- 1.13 We believe that consultation is at the heart of good policy development. We welcome any comments about how we have run this consultation. We would also like to get your answers to these questions:

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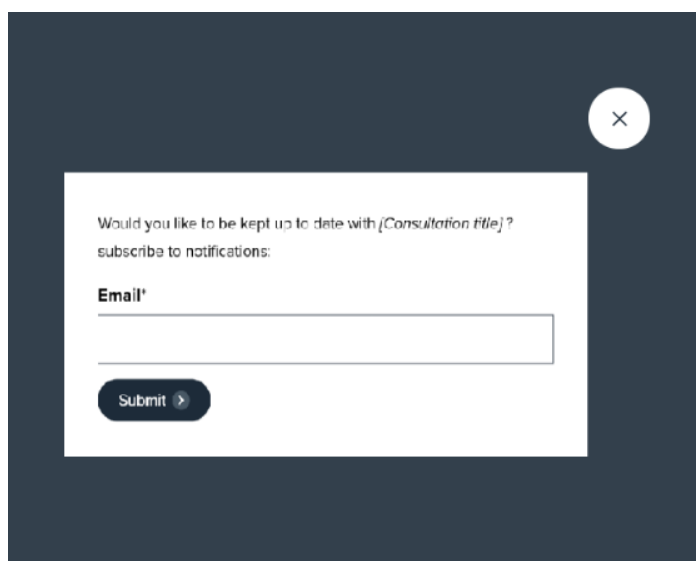
- 1) Do you have any comments about the overall process of this consultation?
- 2) Do you have any comments about its tone and content?
- 3) Was it easy to read and understand? Or could it have been written better?
- 4) Were its conclusions balanced?
- 5) Did it make reasoned recommendations for improvement?
- 6) Any further comments?

1.14 Please send any general feedback comments to stakeholders@ofgem.gov.uk

How to track the progress of the consultation

1.15 You can track the progress of a consultation from upcoming to decision status using the 'notify me' function on a consultation page when published on our website, [Ofgem.gov.uk/consultations](https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/consultations)

Notify me +



The image shows a dark-themed notification subscription form. At the top right of the form is a white circular close button with a black 'x'. The main text of the form asks, 'Would you like to be kept up to date with [Consultation title]?' followed by 'subscribe to notifications:'. Below this is a label 'Email*' and a text input field. At the bottom left of the form is a dark button with the text 'Submit' and a right-pointing arrow.

1.16 Once subscribed to the notifications for a particular consultation, you will receive an email to notify you when it has changed status. Our consultation stages are:

1.17 **Upcoming** > **Open** > **Closed** (awaiting decision) > **Closed** (with decision)

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2. Eight SHET projects Early Construction Funding assessment

Section summary

This chapter sets out SHET’s ECF application and our minded-to position.

Questions

- Q1. Do you agree with our minded-to position to provide ECF for the eight projects?
- Q2. Do you agree with our proposed approach to making modifications to adjust ASTIA_t in Appendix 1 of SpC 3.41?

Brief description of the eight projects

- 2.1 A map displaying the existing network and proposed new infrastructure as well as a brief description of the eight SHET projects are included in Appendix 1.

ECF application

- 2.2 SHET made an application for ECF under Part C of SpC 3.41 of their licence to enable funding of early construction activities for eight projects. These activities align to early enabling works and early procurement commitments.

Table 1: ECF application

Funding application (percentages rounded up / down to the nearest whole percent)

Project	Updated percentage of total project spend	Remainder of cap available
BLN4	20%	0%
SLU4	31%	0% (overspend by 11%)
BBNC	13%	7%
BPNC	19%	1%
BDUP	27%	0% (overspend by 7%)
TKUP	17%	3%
PSDC	13%	7%
W.Isles	11%	9%

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Early enabling works

Project	Summary
TKUP	Distribution network operator (DNO) diversion works

Early procurement commitments

Project	Summary
BLN4	Beauly-Loch Buidhe: overhead line (OHL) equipment Beauly substation Tie In: OHL equipment Loch Buidhe 400kV substation: 3 super grid transformers (SGT)
SLU4	Spittal 2 400kV substation: 2 SGT Loch Buidhe to Spittal: OHL equipment
BBNC	Beauly to Peterhead: OHLs Blackhillock: OHL diversion works
BPNC	Beauly to Blackhillock: OHL equipment Longside (Peterhead 2): 2 SGT Longside (Peterhead 2) Diversion: OHL equipment
BDUP	Beauly substation tie in: OHL Fort Augustus substation tie in: OHL equipment Fort Augustus substation: 2 SGT Kinardochoy substation: 2 SGT Cambushinnie (Braco West) substation tie in: OHL Cambushinnie (Braco West): 2 SGT and 2 GT Bypass of the Tummel substation: OHL equipment Bingally (Fasnakyle) substation tie in: OHL equipment Bingally (Fasnakyle) 400KV substation: 2 SGT and 2 GT
TKUP	Tealing 400kV substation: SGT Aylth – Tealing: OHL and SHEP-D diversions Tealing - Glenrothes (Westfield): OHL and SHEP-D diversions Fiddes – Tealing: OHLs Kintore – Hurlie: OHLs and SHEP-D diversions Fiddes 400kV Substation: 2 x GT
PSDC	High voltage direct current (HVDC) converter initial works Spittal 2 400kV substation: 2 SGT Peterhead 2 400kV substation: OHL and 2 SGT

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W.Isles HVDC converter initial works
Arnish: 3 SGT
Beaully substation tie in: OHLs

- 2.3 All eight projects have had previous Ofgem decisions¹¹ made on their allowances. None of the eight projects were previously assessed via the Large Onshore Transmission Investments (LOTI) re-opener.
- 2.4 SHET has stated that this ECF submission is the second round of their ECF application. It has been submitted at this stage as SHET is satisfied that their plans have sufficiently progressed to make this submission. SHET has stated that further submissions will be made in due course.

Early enabling works

- 2.5 SHET states that they are seeking to appoint SSEN Distribution to conduct diversion works for Alyth to Tealing and Tealing to Westfield reconductoring, which form part of the East Coast Onshore 400kV Phase 2 Reinforcement project (TKUP). This involves completing diversions and twenty-six cable dips on the distribution network, activities which will be completed in and around the existing 275kV OHL route which is being reductored to 400kV. The work needs completing in advance of the reductoring to allow for safe working on the existing 275kV OHL. A permit to work will not be issued where assets remain live. Undertaking these works in advance of the main OHL works therefore ensures reductoring work can take place on time and reduces the risk of delay to the overall project programme. Furthermore, undertaking the cable diversions and dips in advance enables SSEN Distribution to schedule these works alongside other distribution network activities which thereby helps reduce the number of interruptions and impact of infrastructure works to customers.

Early procurement commitments

- 2.6 SHET states that due to the accelerated nature of the ASTI projects, they are procuring HVDC cables, HVDC converters, and civils works earlier than they typically would. The current supply chain constraints have led to a lead time of

¹¹ [Eight Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission projects - Early Construction Funding and licence decision](#)

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three years for the above components and SHET states that early procurement and securing the supply chain will help accelerate the programme and mitigate against the risk of equipment being delivered after planned energisation dates which is the date when connection is made to the transmission network.

- 2.7 SHET also highlighted that both SLU4 and BDUP have breached the ECF cap. This is due to both projects having a scope that requires a higher proportion of procured equipment in comparison to their other ASTI projects. For SLU4, this relates to a higher volume of steel required for the OHL equipment due to the topography, terrain, and environmental constraints in the area. This has resulted in SHET having to install a higher proportion of angle/tension/crossing towers which use more steel due to their size and strength requirements. For BDUP, this relates to upgrading multiple substations from 275kV to 400kV which is driving the need for a higher number of transformers compared to other projects.
- 2.8 SHET also notes that the estimated cost of their portfolio has increased since the ASTI licence was implemented due to factors outside of their immediate control such as the ongoing supply chain constraints, and that based on this estimated cost their ECF request for both SLU4 and BDUP would have remained within the 20% ECP cap.

Our Minded-to position

- 2.9 SHET's ECF application for SLU4 and BDUP breach the ASTI maximum ECF allowance cap by 11% and 7% respectively. The other six projects are within the cap as set out by SpC 3.41.8.
- 2.10 We consider that the activities identified by SHET fall within the ECF permitted¹² activity areas.
- 2.11 We recognise that the early enabling work activities contribute to reducing overall scheduling risk on TKUP and that engaging in this work now helps ensure timely progression of TKUP's main OHL works.

¹² [Decision to modify the special licence conditions in the electricity transmission licences: Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment](#), Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment Guidance And Submission Requirements Document, paragraph 4.13

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- 2.12 We acknowledge that SLU4 and BDUP have a higher proportion of procured equipment in comparison to the other ASTI projects. We also agree that a delay to procurement would increase the risk of project delay. Furthermore, we note that SHET have put protections in place with contractors such as using option agreements and limiting cancellation curve exposure in order to limit the exposure to consumers if a project does not secure planning consent and ultimately construction does not commence.
- 2.13 We agree with SHET that there is a risk to the main works contract if ECF is not approved and recognise the challenging supply chain situation across Europe. We also acknowledge that ECF will enable early construction activities that are required in order to accelerate projects ahead of receiving planning permission, and that this helps safeguard the overall programme and delivery of projects.
- 2.14 Our minded-to position is to approve SHET's full ECF application.

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3. Next steps

Section summary

This chapter sets out the next steps in our assessment under the ASTI framework.

- 3.1 Our consultation on the positions set out in this document will close on 10 January 2025.
- 3.2 We aim to publish our ECF decision in spring 2025 and, subject to the outcome of the consultation, this will be alongside the decision to modify SHET's licence in accordance with section 11A of the Electricity Act 1989.
- 3.3 The proposed modifications to Appendix 1 of SpC 3.41 are set out in the accompanying document to this consultation.

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Appendix 1 – Map and brief description of the eight SHET projects

Existing network and proposed new infrastructure



Brief description of the eight SHET projects

Note: NOA codes are in brackets

Projects	Overview
Beauly to Loch Buidhe 400kV Reinforcement (BLN4)	Beauly to Loch Buidhe 400kV Reinforcement (BLN4) is an onshore electricity transmission project along with Loch Buidhe to Spittal 400kV Reinforcement (SLU4) to construct a new 170km 400kV double circuit OHL between Spittal 400kV substation and Beauly 400kV substation, a new 400kV double busbar substation at Spittal, and reinforce existing substations at Loch Buidhe and Spittal. The project is triggered by the need for onshore transmission network enabling works for the connection of ScotWind schemes. Its aim is to enable significant power transfer capability required to transport power from onshore and offshore renewable generation connecting in Caithness to Beauly, and to the east via BBNC/BPNC, before onward transportation at Peterhead via Peterhead to Drax (E4D3) and Peterhead to South Humber (E4L5) to demand centres in England.

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Loch Buidhe to Spittal 400kV Reinforcement (SLU4)	Same as above.
Beauly to Blackhillock 400kV Double Circuit (BBNC)	Beauly to Blackhillock 400kV Double Circuit (BBNC) is an onshore electricity transmission project, along with Blackhillock and Peterhead 400kV Double Circuit (BPNC), to construct new 110km 400kV double circuit OHL between new Beauly 400kV substation and new Blackhillock 400kV substation and 82km 400kV double circuit OHL between new Blackhillock 400kV substation, new New Deer 400kV substation and new Peterhead 400kV substation. Additionally, to construct new 400kV substations at Beauly, Blackhillock, New Deer, Peterhead, and a 132kV substation at Peterhead. The project is triggered by the need for onshore transmission network enabling works required to utilise E4D3 and E4L5. Its aim is to enable significant power transfer capability to transport power from onshore and offshore renewable generation connecting on the west – from the Arnish to Beauly 1.8GW HVDC link - and from connections north of Beauly (via BLN4/SLU4) – to the east before onward transportation at Peterhead via E4D3 and E4L5 to demand centres in England.
Blackhillock and Peterhead 400kV Double Circuit (BPNC)	Same as above.
Beauly to Denny 275kV Circuit to 400kV (BDUP)	<p>Beauly to Denny 275kV Circuit to 400kV (BDUP) is an onshore electricity transmission project to install infrastructure with the aim of allowing the existing Beauly Denny OHL second circuit to change operation from 275kV to 400kV, to construct new 400kV substations at Beauly 2, Fasnakyle, Fort Augustus, and Braco West, and to aim to extend Kinardochoy/ Errochty / Tummel substation. The project is triggered by the need for onshore transmission network enabling works for the connection of ScotWind schemes and Coire Glas.</p> <p>BDUP has key interactions with Beauly to Loch Buidhe 400kV reinforcement (BLN4) / Loch Buidhe to Spittal 400kV reinforcement (SLU4), Beauly to Blackhillock 400kV double circuit (BBNC) / Blackhillock and Peterhead 400kV double circuit (BPNC), Arnish to Beauly 1.8GW HVDC link. The Beauly 2 substation incorporates BLN4&SLU4 /BDUP/BBNC schemes.</p>
East Coast Onshore 400kV Phase 2 reinforcement (TKUP)	East Coast Onshore 400kV Phase 2 reinforcement (TKUP) is an onshore electricity transmission project to construct 400kV substations at Tealing and Fiddes, extend Kintore substation, construct a new 106km 400kV double circuit OHL between Kintore-Fiddes and Tealing 400kV substations, reconductor and reinsulate the existing 38km of OHL to accommodate 400kV double circuit operation at Tealing to Glenrothes, reconductor and reinsulate the existing 38km of OHL to accommodate 400kV double circuit operation. The

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project is triggered by the need to enable significant power transfer capability required to transfer from onshore and offshore renewable generation in the North and Northeast of Scotland which cannot wholly be accommodated by E4D3 and E4L5.

TKUP has key interactions with Beauly to Blackhillock 400kV double circuit (BBNC) / Blackhillock and Peterhead 400kV double circuit (BPNC), East Coast coordinated offshore network (via AC link from Fiddes).

Spittal to Peterhead 2GW HVDC Subsea link (PSDC)

Spittal to Peterhead 2GW HVDC Subsea link (PSDC) is an offshore electricity transmission project to construct a 2GW HVDC subsea link from a new 400kV substation at Spittal to a 400kV substation at Peterhead, including to construct 2GW bi-pole HVDC converter stations within the Spittal and Peterhead areas, establish HVAC connections, and install c.200 km of HVDC cables. The project is triggered by the need for onshore transmission network enabling works for the connection of ScotWind schemes and its aim is to enable power transfer capability to transport generation from the far north of Scotland to the east coast of Peterhead.

Arnish to Beauly (Western Isles) HVDC link

Arnish to Beauly (Western Isles) HVDC link is an offshore electricity transmission project to facilitate the transfer of 1.8GW of renewable generation from the Isle of Lewis in the Western Isles to the Beauly area in the North of Scotland. The project is triggered by the need for the Arnish to Beauly 1.8GW HVDC link to look to secure lower cost energy by connecting several onshore and offshore renewable wind projects.

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Appendix 2 – Privacy notice on consultations

Personal data

The Gas and Electricity Markets Authority is the controller (“Ofgem” for ease of reference). The Data Protection Officer can be contacted at dpo@ofgem.gov.uk

The following explains your rights and gives you the information you are entitled to under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Note that this section only refers to your personal data (your name address and anything that could be used to identify you personally). It does not refer to the content of your response to the consultation.

1. The identity of the controller and contact details of our Data Protection Officer

The Gas and Electricity Markets Authority is the controller (“Ofgem” for ease of reference). The Data Protection Officer can be contacted at dpo@ofgem.gov.uk

2. Why we are collecting your personal data

Your personal data is being collected as an essential part of the consultation process so that we can contact you regarding your response and for statistical purposes. We may also use it to contact you about related matters.

3. Our legal basis for processing your personal data

As a public authority, the GDPR makes provision for Ofgem to process personal data as necessary for the effective performance of a task carried out in the public interest, i.e. a consultation.

4. With whom we will be sharing your personal data

N/A.

5. For how long we will keep your personal data or the criteria used to determine the retention period

Your personal data will be held for six months after the project is closed.

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6. Your rights

The data we are collecting is your personal data and you have considerable say over what happens to it. You have the right to:

- know how we use your personal data,
- access your personal data,
- have your personal data corrected if it is inaccurate or incomplete,
- ask us to delete your personal data when we no longer need it,
- ask us to restrict how we process your personal data,
- get your personal data from us and re-use it across other services,
- object to certain ways we use your personal data,
- be safeguarded against risks where decisions based on your personal data are taken entirely automatically,
- tell us if we can share your personal information with 3rd parties,
- tell us your preferred frequency, content and format of our communications with you,
- lodge a complaint with the independent Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) if you think we are not handling your personal data fairly or in accordance with the law. You can contact the ICO at <https://ico.org.uk/> or telephone 0303 123 1113.

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9. Your personal data will be stored in a secure government IT system

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