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BWEA Response to OFGEM/DTI Consultation: 'Small Generator Issues under BETTA'

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While BWEA fully supports the principles lying behind the overall BETTA project we nonetheless have concerns over a number of aspects of this particular consultation that we believe would not necessarily support the overarching BETTA objectives.

In working up our response we have liaised extensively with the Scottish Renewables Forum (SRF) because;

- The bulk of this consultation is taken up with issues associated with the classification of 132kv in Scotland and;
- BWEA currently funds a full-time member of the SRF to work specifically on wind related issues.

BWEA would like to point out that we are broadly in agreement with the SRF over the appropriate response to the consultation.

Notwithstanding this point BWEA does not support the SRF position with regard to locational charging. BWEA is of the view that locational charging is, in principle, a good idea as it removes a hidden subsidy from Scottish projects which, if present, is made at the expense of projects elsewhere in the UK. BWEA is of the view that an effective locational charging policy would result in more optimally placed generation, reduced system losses and hence reduced CO₂ emissions.

In all other respects BWEA would be grateful if you would consider the SRF response as also representing BWEA's views on this issue.