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The Initial Allocation of GB Transmission System Access Rights under BETTA

Dear Mr. Haldearn

RDC Scotland Ltd welcomes the opportunity to comment on the recently published 'The Initial Allocation of GB Transmission System Access Rights under BETTA' Consultation Document 174/03. RDC Scotland and its related companies are major developers of wind energy projects throughout Great Britain and it is currently developing a number of major projects in Scotland with connections planned at 33, 132 and 275 kV.

While broadly in agreement with the responses of the British Wind Energy Association and Scottish Renewables Forum, I write to express our specific concerns about the draft legal text in Appendix 1 Clause 7. This suggests different timetables for the processing of connection offers for applications in Scotland to England & Wales. Indeed the drafting infers that existing applicants in Scotland may possibly not receive an offer until 3 months after January 1st 2005 ie April 2005 which would be unacceptable. There appears to be no justification for the differential treatment of Scottish and England & Wales applicants and the proposed treatment of applications in England & Wales should be applicable throughout Great Britain.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of the above please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gerry Jewson', with the initials 'PP' written below it.

Gerry Jewson
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