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Dear Sir,

Transmission Investment for Renewable Generation Initial Proposals
Shetland Renewable Energy Forum Response

Firstly, thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above document.

Shetland Renewable Energy Forum was formed in December 2002 and represents the growing renewables industry in Shetland. The principal aim of SREF is "To ensure that Shetland maximises the economic and community benefit of developing its renewable energy resources while minimising the impact on the environmental, social and visual amenity of the islands".

SREF has over 50 member organisations representing every aspect of renewable energy development in Shetland and is interested in any matter relevant to Shetland's ability to make best use of the incredible natural resource.

Without going into detail, SREF would endorse the views of:

- Viking Energy Ltd – a local company with plans large enough to require transmission infrastructure works.
- Shetland Islands Council – the local authority for this region.
- Scottish Renewables Forum – an associated organisation with excellent knowledge of the potential impacts of discussed legislation on the renewables industry.
- Highlands & Islands Enterprise – a supporting organisation familiar with the matters discussed.

I trust that their comments will be given fair consideration and I look forward to the further stages of this process.

Yours faithfully,

David Thomson
Chairman – Shetland Renewable Energy Forum