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RES Response to the ARODG Report

Dear Mark,

Renewable Energy Systems Group (RES) is one of the leading and broadest based companies in the wind energy industry. Since 1980, RES has played a central role in the development of the wind energy market in the United Kingdom and, more recently, has achieved significant success in the international market. The RES Group has now successfully constructed more than 1,000 MW of wind energy capacity internationally and retains an ownership interest in 15 operating wind energy projects, comprising more than 140 MW of operating assets.

RES welcomes the opportunity to respond to the report by the Access Reform Options Development Group.

RES supports the BWEA proposals for a “connect and manage” approach to connection and access. RES also supports the BWEA’s proposal for an enduring arrangement, i.e. local FSL, TEC available 3 years from application, 5 year charging commitment etc.

RES believes that there should be incentives for NGET to develop the MITS to accommodate renewable energy connections to at least the levels indicated by government regional targets. This would reduce the time from an application to access the transmission system (as distinct from an application to connect) to the commissioning of the network reinforcements and hence reduce the cost of constraint management. The risks associated with proactive network development (and hence the cost of managing these risks) could be mitigated by government enacting measures to ensure the long term market for renewable energy and measures to ensure government regional targets for renewable energy are achieved through appropriate planning policy.

Furthermore, as the capacity of overhead lines is strongly correlated with wind speed and hence with wind power production, RES believes that there may be the possibility of developing an access product based on near real time assessment of line capacity. This product may be especially attractive to wind farms and we recommend that NGET should investigate this as a further tool to aid the proposed “connect and manage” philosophy.

Any revised methodology for determining FSL’s should be subject to a form of governance in which NGET, Users and Ofgem participate.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Joe Duddy