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A stakeholder has nodded us in the direction of your open letter consultation on the above.

The RPZ model could be extremely important to the short term prospects of renewable development in some parts of Scotland. We were extremely supportive of the Active Management Project on Orkney, for example, which opens up the possibility of additional capacity in a region bristling with potential but short on connection capacity. This approach is particularly valuable given the speed with which it can be introduced, thus providing a stopgap or bridge between now and the green lighting / construction of significant upgrades between the islands and across Scotland. Marine renewables, wave and tidal power in particular, are major strategic priorities for our Ministers; continuing flexibility on Ofgem's part, and a willingness to support the roll-out of solutions like that in Orkney across other parts of Scotland such as in the Western Isles, will be vital in this respect.

Regards,

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