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Connecting the Islands of Scotland

Dear Robert,

Centrica welcomes the opportunity to comment on the proposal to regulate connections to the islands of Scotland. We concur with the view that it is important to provide economic connections, therefore reducing the risk of increased costs for both developers and consumers.

Following consideration of the three options outlined in the consultation document, dated 5^{th} July 2007, we believe that all three are viable. Our preference, however, would be to maintain consistency with the proposed Offshore regime and therefore to implement option c.

We look forward to participating in future consultations and workshops on this subject matter.

If you have any questions or comments relating to this response, please contact me on the number above or at <u>laura.jeffs@centrica.com</u>

Yours sincerely

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