

Stirling Before Pylons



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Dear Mr Hunt,

Open Consultation Letter : Income Adjusting Event for the Beauly – Denny Public Inquiry

Further to Stirling Before Pylons letter of the 9th July 2007, thank you for your email clarification of the 12th July 2007.

Another issue has now come to our attention which we think relevant to our original letter and we wish to be considered. It is our understanding that Ofgem will only consider funding SHETL's costs for fully regulated projects. A copy of Scottish Ministers decision letter on a legal submission on behalf of Eilean Aigus Estate has only recently been placed on the Public Inquiry website. In their letter dated 29th June to R&R Urquhart Scottish Ministers concur with the Reporters letter of the 22nd December 2006 that the proposal 'is not required by any legislative, regulatory or administrative provision'. Ministers also state that 'there is no statutory compulsion on the applicants to proceed with this proposal'.

This would seem to suggest that the project is not fully regulated and in that case funding for the costs of the Public Inquiry should not be considered for funding. We would ask you to clarify whether you agree with this submission when you consider our original response.

Yours Sincerely

Peter Pearson Secretary