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Attn Ms Cheryl Mundie

Dear Ms Mundie,

Fairwind Orkney Ltd – response to consultation document Transmission Investment Incentives

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the recent update and Consultation on Further Measures related to TAR Transmission Investment Incentives.

Our response concerns, in the main, Section 2 question 1:

“Do respondents have any comments on the information provided on the projects nominated for funding consideration?”

The list of projects in SHETL’s area includes Western Isles and Shetland amongst the Scottish Islands but does not include Orkney.

We are aware of the reason why the potential connection dropped of the plan late last year. We can also confirm that substantive work was done on advanced services relating to the connection to the mainland.

The unique resources for renewable energy including wind, wave and tidal stream are well documented and connections, to all three Scottish Island groups, are included as priorities in the Scottish National Planning Framework.

We think that it would be remiss to ignore a significant transmission link to Orkney – at least in pre-planning – at this critical stage for grid investment in the immediate future.

Significant onshore wind developments are still likely, which, when added to potential generation from tidal and wave schemes arising from the ‘Pentland Firth’

concessions about to be announced by Crown Estate are likely to require up to 1400MW by 2020, 200MW of which would be required by 2014.

We urge you to consider encouraging SHETL to include Orkney in their plans for the earliest price control period.

Yours sincerely,

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