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Dear Bogdan,

Proposed disposal of part of National Grid's (NG) National Transmission System (NTS) for Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS): Publication of independent studies by Wood Mackenzie and Poyry Energy Consulting

Thank you for providing SSE with the opportunity to comment on the independent studies carried out by Wood Mackenzie and Poyry Energy Consulting. Please find our comments below.

We fully support the objective of the UK Government for CCS to be developed and demonstrated to be a viable low carbon option for deployment post 2020, and recognise the potential of CCS as a tool in the battle against climate change. We also have a long standing and active interests in developments in CCS technologies, evidenced by the Peterhead DF1 project, our role as prime sponsor in the BERR supported Oxycoal 2 Project, and our collaboration with Doosan Babcock and Vattenfall, through which we are seeking to trial post combustion carbon capture plant at our Ferrybridge Power Station.

Moreover, we support the concept of disposing of redundant assets for alternative uses. We believe doing so could result in: benefit to customers by finding an alternative (or more valuable) use for network assets leading to lower transportation bills; fast track CCS testing; and ultimately avoid unnecessary pipelines and environmental impacts.

We welcome the independent studies undertaken by Poyry and Wood Mackenzie as they provide a level of reassurance around the accuracy of the forecast supply scenarios which NG have developed indicating the probable levels of future gas flows coming into the St. Fergus entry point, and about the robustness of the network modelling which NG carried out to determine the capability of the network in Scotland with one of the feeders removed.

We hope that you find our comments helpful. If you would like to discuss any of the points raised in more detail, please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Yours sincerely,

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