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**RE: Consultation on the needs case for the proposed
Kintyre-Hunterston transmission reinforcement under the
RIIO-T1 Strategic Wider Works process**

Dear Ms Mackenzie,

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the above consultation. This response is made on behalf of E.ON UK plc.

As developers of projects in the area which will be connecting into this system, E.ON welcome reinforcements to the transmission system which should ensure the NETS SQSS are met. To reduce the constraints on this system and ensure those in consent are connected as expected, E.ON believe there is a need to reinforce the transmission system.

The planned reinforcement works, however, do not provide the level of additional capacity required over the next 7 years. Pöyry provide additional solutions, specifically installing a third 220kV, 240MVA sub-sea cable link between Crossaig and Hunterston and rebuilding existing OHL between Invernay and Crossaig with new double circuit heavy duty 132kV OHL, accommodating an additional incremental generation of 200MW at an additional cost of £200m by 2020. This is indicated in Annex A of the Pöyry March 2013 Report - Incremental Reinforcement of South West Transmission Network. E.ON supports the requirement to complete this set of works in addition to the proposed reinforcement. This is because EON has identified 681MW of capacity in

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scoping and decision pending. This number excludes sites that are not yet in the public domain.

E.ON is currently scoping projects which have not been identified within SHETL's calculation of possible additional generation capacity. Whilst these plans may have been captured or estimated within Pöyry's larger study, E.ON believe it would be a useful exercise for SHETL to work closely with its stakeholders to identify potential projects and provide a firmer generation estimate.

Considering that all consents secured for delivery in 2015, E.ON believe that the timescales are appropriate.

I hope the above comments prove helpful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jennifer Daws', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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