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Dear Sheona,

Re: RES response to OFGEM consultation on needs case for proposed Kintyre - Hunterston transmission reinforcement

RES is one of the world's leading independent renewable energy project developers with operations across Europe, North America and Asia-Pacific. RES has been at the forefront of wind energy development since the 1970s and has developed and/or built more than 6.5GW of wind energy capacity worldwide, including projects in the UK, Ireland, France, Scandinavia and the United States.

RES welcomes the opportunity to respond to the above consultation concerning the needs case for the Kintyre-Hunterston transmission reinforcement, ("the April 2013 consultation").

RES is a member of RenewableUK and supports the points raised in its response to the April 2013 consultation. In particular, RES welcomes the Poyry and Ofgem conclusion that the proposed Kintyre-Hunterston reinforcement is appropriate.

RES would note that it also owns two large onshore wind farm development projects on the Kintyre peninsula in the vicinity of the Crossaig substation and that formal engagement with the relevant electricity network licensees (SHEPD and SHE-T) has been initiated. Through this process RES has become aware that the Kintyre – Hunterston transmission reinforcement, on the basis of its currently proposed design, is already close to being fully utilised in light of contracted, or soon to be contracted, generation. RES considers that this lends weight to the case for Ofgem to consider the merits of strategic oversizing, particularly in light of the economic disbenefits of undersizing arising from transmission design to forecasts of expected generation that may be on the pessimistic side of realistic.

RES always seeks to be clear and constructive in consultation responses and I hope you find the above consistent with our objectives. If you wish to discuss this response or any other relevant matter, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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