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Dear Sheona,

Consultation on the Project Assessment under the RIIO-T1 Strategic Wider Works arrangements for the proposed Kintyre-Hunterston transmission reinforcement

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the above consultation of 24 July 2013. I am pleased to submit this response on behalf of ScottishPower Renewables (SPR).

SPR is the UK's leading developer and operator of wind generation projects. As such, we have a critical interest in ensuring that the UK's transmission infrastructure is developed in a timely and efficient way to meet users' needs and interests, thus supporting achievement of Government's energy policy objectives.

We welcome and support Ofgem's continued focus on progressing this key infrastructure development and we would once again urge all the stakeholders to commit to concluding the reinforcement project as a top priority, to help support the Government's energy policy objectives in respect of decarbonisation and diversifying energy supplies.

We believe that further consideration of the User Commitment and charging arrangements relating to significant and key infrastructure projects such as this is required to ensure that they align with the needs case justification and allow the infrastructure to be delivered and used optimally as soon as possible.

We hope you find our comments and responses clear and helpful but we would welcome the opportunity to discuss them more fully with you. If you would like to do so, or if you require any further information from us, please contact me on 0141 614 3075 or at allan.kelly@scottishpower.com.

We look forward to continued, open, proactive stakeholder communication on the progress of the process and project.

Yours sincerely,

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