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Scottish Power's RIIO ED1 Submission

Unite is the largest trade union within the Energy & Utilities sector representing over 50,000 members, Unite represents 1,000 members within Scottish Power Energy Networks, we are happy to support Scottish Power's submission on RIIO-ED1 for the reasons outlined below:

1. We recognise and support SP Energy Networks commitment to be a company that attracts and develops the skills for the future across the supply chain from within local communities

- Working with local colleges, contractors, universities and across sectors to recruit and train future workforce
- Developing the new skills and behaviours to meet the changing landscape
- Using the PowerWise Schools Program to make maths and science attractive
- Welcome the commitment to recruit 1500 staff between now and 2023 across all operational areas.

2. SPEN RIIO ED1 stakeholder engagement process was comprehensive and engaged stakeholders prior to and throughout development of their plans

- Staff and trade unions were engaged in identifying priorities and developing plans
- Whole stakeholder base engaged across Scotland, England and Wales
- We welcome SPENs commitment to continuing to listen, learn and act on feedback from all stakeholders

3. Support SPENs approach to drive down customer bills, including unique shareholder commitment to move to 45 years asset lives from 2015

- We support the proposed reductions in customer bills delivered by SPENs efficient plans.
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- Embedded innovation has reduced SPENs plan by more than £100m (£30 per customer).
- SPENs financing proposal seeks to balance risk between customers and shareholders, and provides the most comprehensive financial case of all DNOs.
- Welcome the clear shareholder commitment to UK customers demonstrated by the proposed move to 45 years depreciation for all new investments. The only DNO to propose this.

4. Focus on staff and public safety sets the benchmark for the industry whilst strong customer service commitments are backed up with voluntary compensation.

- Target zero employee lost time accidents in ED1 period
- Leading the industry on public safety issues (Rising Mains and Lateral replacement & Low Ground Clearances)
- Only DNO to offer £10 payment where they fail on a promise
- Continued investments in storm resilience (only DNO offering hot meals/accommodation in storms)
- Strong focus on vulnerable customers will continue

5. Plans recognise unique challenges and opportunity to play role in low carbon transition

- Only DNO to work across England, Wales and Scotland. Tougher carbon reduction targets in Scotland & Wales. 28% of GB distributed generation is connected to SPEN's two distribution networks

In conclusion we believe that fast tracking the Scottish Power plan will deliver real benefits to its employees , customers and stakeholders .

Yours sincerely,



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