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Dear Sir / Madam,

**'SP Energy Networks 2015-2023 Business Plan –
Changes to Our Plan; Updated March 2014'**

The Anglesey Economic Regeneration Partnership welcomes the opportunity to comment on the 'SP Energy Networks 2015-23 Business Plan', which was updated in March 2014.

The Partnership comprises of representatives from the Public, Private, Community and Voluntary sectors on the Island and in addition to being the Welsh Government recognised Local Partnership for the delivery of the Rural Development Plan 2007-13 on Anglesey, takes a holistic overview of Economic Regeneration on the Island.

The response is based on consultation among Partnership members, including the Isle of Anglesey County Council, who have been involved in the development and implementation of EU projects during the current round of programmes.

The Partnership has consistently supported the establishment and development of the Energy Island Programme (EIP). It believes that the EIP's aspirations to establish the Island as a world renowned centre of excellence for producing, demonstrating and servicing low carbon energy, offer a sound base to encourage economic diversification and transition, delivering positive benefits to the Island and beyond over the longer term.

As a result of the EIP and other regeneration activities, Anglesey is set to benefit from a number of significant proposed investments for which the electricity distribution network will be a key feature from both the generation and the demand viewpoints. Scottish Power Energy Networks (SPEN)'s £358M commitment to increase the network's capacity is therefore clearly welcomed. However, since much of the network was installed between 1950 and 1970 and is approaching the end of its operational life it is clear that the £10M outlined for future proofing the network is clearly essential.

In terms of network capacity, it is essential that a long-term programme is developed. There are major opportunities and developments on the horizon, for

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example the New Nuclear Build that has the potential to transform Anglesey's economy, as well as increase the need for adequate infrastructure. This therefore requires thought to increase the network capacity; the extent of increase in network capacity needs to take into account all the proposed developments. It would not be cost-effective to have to increase the network capacity again in future years for example, and this would also ensure that the cost of local infrastructure improvements to allow these opportunities on Anglesey to develop are not bounced back on the developers.

The Partnership is supportive of low carbon technologies and welcomes preparations to allow people and businesses that wish to connect to low carbon technologies.

Equally, the partnership welcomes the proposed job / training opportunities envisaged during the business plan period and hopes that SPEN will work with local colleges, training providers and other stakeholders to ensure that the maximum proportion possible are filled by local people.

We hope that the comments provided on the 'SP Energy Networks 2015-23 Business Plan' are helpful. As a partnership we are keen to ensure the prosperity of Anglesey and would welcome further discussion on how this can be secured. In the meantime, if you have any queries arising from the comments please contact Eifion Jones eifionlloydjones@anglesey.gov.uk or 01248 752417 in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dennis Evans', written in a cursive style.

Dennis Evans

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