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Dear Sir/ Madam,

‘Scottish Power Energy Networks 2015-2023 Business Plan – Changes to Our Plan; Updated March 2014’

The Energy Island Programme (EIP) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the ‘SP Energy Networks 2015-23 Business Plan’.

The Energy Island Programme (EIP) is a partnership between public and private sector organisation which aims to put Anglesey at the forefront of energy research and development, production and servicing, bringing with it potentially huge economic rewards.

As a result of proposed economic regeneration programmes on the Island it is estimated that there will be an additional 20MVA load demand on the system during the next 5-10 years. This coupled with the proposed energy generating developments (400MVA-800MVA) clearly highlights that future demand on the system is significant. Against this backdrop it is essential that the EIP work with Scottish Power to ensure that the future network is in a position to accommodate this additional demand.

The EIP welcomes the transparent approach outlined within the business plan in securing a low carbon future and request that the following comments are considered prior to publication of the business plan:

- Due to the increasing demand on the network on the Island the £358M commitment to increase network capacity to facilitate low carbon technology as well as general load growth is welcomed;
- As outlined with the document much of the network was installed between 1950 and 1970 and is approaching the end of its operational life – in addition to the £358M to increase network capacity the £10M outlined for future proofing the network is clearly essential;

- SPEN's commitment as part of the safety outputs to eradicate all overhead line clearances across roads by April 2015 and all overhead line clearances to the latest technical standards by 2020 is a key step;
- The proposed 100 new job/ training opportunities in North Wales during the Business Plan period are welcomed. The EIP are eager to work with SPEN to ensure that a high proportion of the posts filled are from Anglesey;

The EIP have developed an effective working relationship with SPEN as part of the EIP Developers Forum, which includes membership from key public and private stakeholders. The EIP are eager to continue to develop a working relationship with both SPEN and OFGEM to identify a funding source to ensure that Anglesey's network meets future demand. It is essential that proactive investment is made to upgrade the existing network in order to ensure that the Island is best placed to capitalise on this opportunity to transform the Island's economy. The EIP will also be pleased to support work on Anglesey to facilitate changes in behaviour regarding the use of electricity.

We hope the comments provided will be fully considered and would welcome the opportunity to discuss any aspect of our response further. In the meantime please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any additional information.

Yours sincerely,



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