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Dear Ms Powis

**Consultation Response**

**Common Connection Charging Methodology (CCCM) and the High Cost Cap (HCC) connections.**

This is a letter of support in response to the above consultation, submitted by **Community Energy Scotland**, the national Scottish charity which supports and encourages additional distributed renewable energy generation owned or part-owned by community organisations.

**Community Energy Scotland fully endorses the response to this consultation submitted by Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE).** Community Energy Scotland believes that high connection costs for additional distributed renewable energy generation to connect are a major disincentive for new community energy projects. Sharing the costs of the grid upgrades is essential. This is particularly the case in Scotland where in many areas connection costs exceeding the £200/KW threshold are the norm, due to the scale of new generation that has connected and the further upgrades now required.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important issue

Yours sincerely

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