



RenewableUK and Scottish Renewables response: *whether the voltage rule should take precedence over the High Cost Cap for Distributed Generation connections.*

Dear Ms Powis,

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this consultation.

I can confirm that RenewableUK, as the trade representative for the wind, wave and tidal industry and Scottish Renewables as the representative body for the renewable energy industry in Scotland are in agreement with Ofgem. We believe that the voltage rule should take precedence over the HCC and therefore that the customer should only pay for reinforcement up to one voltage level above their point of connection. This continues the principle that generators pay for costs associated with their project and not wider enhancements to the DNO system. It also ensures a consistent treatment between different customer types (demand and generation).

Nevertheless, we believe further detail is necessary in order to determine the conditions that certain circumstances may evoke.

I hope that the above is of assistance. If any further clarification is required, please do not hesitate to contact us and please keep us updated with any further discussions.

Yours sincerely,

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