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[by email]

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Dear Cissie,

Consultation on Ofgem's assessment of SHE Transmission's proposal for reducing visual amenity impacts in the Cairngorms National Park

This response is from National Grid Electricity Transmission in response to Ofgem's consultation letter dated 28th February 2019.

We support SHE Transmission's project to replace 12.3km of 132kV overhead line with an underground cable in the Cairngorms National Park. We are pleased that Ofgem recognise that the landscape of our National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) will be improved by such undergrounding projects. We look forward to working with both the TOs and Ofgem to continue the work that is being carried out on improving our treasured landscapes.

In response to your specific questions in the consultation:

i) do you agree with our assessment of SHE Transmission's approach in undertaking the Cairngorms National Park mitigation project?

As you are aware, we submitted a funding request for a VIP project in the Dorset AONB in 2018. The assessment process followed was extremely thorough and it appears that you have continued this format for SHE-T's project. We agree with the assessment approach.

ii) Based on the information in this consultation do you agree with our assessment and proposed funding allowances for the Cairngorms National Park mitigation project?

While we are not in a position to comment on the specifics of the funding allowance requested, we agree with the principles of the visual impact project and trust that Ofgem's assessment has been thorough.

iii) Do you have any other comments or information relevant to our assessment?

We have no further comments.

Yours sincerely

Steven Lam
Regulatory Submissions Manager

