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To: NTIMailbox <NTIMailbox@ofgem.gov.uk>
Subject: Shetland transmission project

F.A.O Mr James Norman:

Dear Mr Norman,

Delta Marine is a Shetland business employing 50 people and has worked in the renewable industry for the last 19years.

Our vessels have worked in Denmark, Germany, Portugal, Ireland, France, Benelux and the UK on various wind, wave and tidal sites.

As a local shareholder of the Energy Isles windfarm we are concerned that the grid connection of 600mw which was proposed many years ago will now be far too small for the windfarms currently in the pipeline and will also preclude any wave or tidal projects.

We have the best wind, wave and tidal resource in Europe and if we are to harness this clean energy bounty we need sufficient infrastructure to export it.

Shetland was a backwater before the oil boom and is now slipping back with the downturn in the North Sea. The renewable industry could be a lifeline for the islands, employing many people with the predicted expansion and future innovation in the wave and tidal industries. However, without a means to export, these fledgling industries will not see Shetland as a viable prospect.

We therefore urge you to install a link capable of carrying the current (800MW+) proposed windfarm load and also allow for future expansion of our marine resource.

It would seem sensible to install a 1000MW link, the extra cost being minimal compared to the benefit possible, to our island in particular and the UK as a whole.

Kind regards