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Subject: Shetland Transmission Project: Consultation on Final Needs Case and Delivery Model - FAO: James Norman

Dear Sir

I refer to the above consultation.

I am an investor in Energy Isles Limited which has recently submitted a planning application for a potential Wind Farm to be built on the Island of Yell in Shetland. I invested in this project for two main reasons, firstly I believe in the need to move as much as we can as a society to renewable energy production, and secondly because I was brought up on the Island of Yell and have watched since this time at the lack of economic opportunities arising. Obviously I would also believe there could be a return on my investment, but that is certainly less of a factor than the two aforementioned reasons.

Now for the Energy Isles project to happen at all we need a transmission connection to Shetland. So obviously the fact that a 600MW link is being considered is very welcome. It does though seem to be very narrow minded to go for this size of a link, when there is already evidence that it would be too small for the generation that could be forthcoming in Shetland, in the near future let alone the longer term. I am therefore very much of the opinion that a better investment for all concerned would be a bigger transmission link to Shetland.

For Shetland to become an integral part of the renewable energy solution it is imperative that it is not restricted by a cable that is too small at the outset. I firmly believe that Shetland can be a large part of the renewable energy solution for the whole of Scotland and even the UK, given the quality of the resources.

I also have no doubt that the larger cable will bring significant economic benefits to Shetland, and ones that are spread out also, given Wind Farms have the need to have community funds in place etc. It will provide jobs and reasons for people to remain in the more rural areas, which have seen population decline over the years.

Yours faithfully