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Dear Mr James Norman,

**Ref: Shetland transmission project - Consultation response on the final needs case and delivery model**

Our company Springpark Energy Limited, has a shareholding in a locally based renewable company called Energy Isles Limited, which has submitted a planning application for a 200MW wind farm development on the island of Yell in the Shetland Islands.

Shetland has an excellent and unique wind and tidal resource, which needs to be harnessed to its full potential. This would facilitate an even greater deployment of cost effective low-carbon renewable energy which would help achieve the UK's net-zero targets.

- The Committee on Climate Change recommends a new emissions target for the UK: net-zero greenhouse gases by 2050.
- In Scotland, we recommend a net-zero date of 2045, reflecting Scotland's greater relative capacity to remove emissions than the UK as a whole.

<https://www.theccc.org.uk/publication/net-zero-the-uks-contribution-to-stopping-global-warming/>

We support the proposed HVDC Link to Shetland and see this as a positive move, however we feel that at 600MW HVDC link would not be sufficient to meet the demands of future projects, as the existing and planned developments already out way the capacity.

In order to maximize the renewable generation between Shetland and the UK mainland, we believe the HVDC link should be increased to 800/1000MW, this would offer the ability to enhance the energy production, allowing lower costs to the consumer and avoiding further expense by adding another HVDC link.

We hope that you will consider these comments positively.

Yours sincerely



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