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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 Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park

This response is from National Grid Electricity Transmission in response to Ofgem's consultation letter dated 05 May 2020.

We support SHE Transmission's projects near Glen Falloch and Loch Sloy to replace 4.5km and 3km of 132kV overhead line with an underground cable. We are pleased that Ofgem recognise that these projects will enhance the landscape of our National Parks.

In response to your specific questions in the consultation:

i) do you agree with our assessment of SHE Transmission's approach in undertaking the Glen Falloch and Sloy mitigation projects?

We agree with the assessment approach that you have undertaken. This follows the same format as SHE Transmission's last submission (Cairngorms) and for our VIP submission for Dorset, which was a robust process.

ii) Based on the information in this consultation do you agree with our assessment and proposed funding allowances for the Glen Falloch and Sloy mitigation projects?

Although we cannot comment on the specifics of the funding allowance requested, we agree with the benefits stated and believe that Ofgem's assessment has been thorough.

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

In late 2019 a few members of our team visited the undergrounding projects at the Cairngorms site. They were impressed with the project setting and could see how the removal of the overhead lines would visually benefit the landscape and surrounding communities. We expect similar benefits will apply to their new projects, which adhere to the same selection principles as the Cairngorms.

Yours sincerely

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