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Dear Cissie

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

We welcome this opportunity to comment on your assessment of SHE Transmission's VISTA project to deliver mitigation within the Cairngorms National Park.

The Cairngorms National Park Authority has a lead role in providing advice on the impacts of proposals on the special qualities of the National Park. As a consequence, we are not providing detailed advice on this aspect of this VISTA projects. We are also not able to comment on issues such as procurement and funding allowances.

We are, however, able to confirm that we agree with your assessment of the project with respect to implementation of VISTA policy and benefits of the project.

In our view, the proposed undergrounding of two very prominent sections of overhead line in an area of the Park which is popular with both visitors and local people will bring significant benefits. It is also our view that the proposed undergrounding will lead to a significant enhancement of the special qualities of this area of the Park.

Yours sincerely

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