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Dear Paul

Code Administrator Consultation - CMP376: Inclusion of Queue Management process within the CUSC.

I am writing on behalf of the Scottish Government to set out our views on the Code Administrator Consultation CMP376: Inclusion of Queue Management process within the CUSC.

As you know, we have long called for reform to the queue management process. The inclusion of a queue management process within the CUSC will not only support continued growth of renewables but will also enable wider economic and environmental benefits across Scotland.

We are therefore pleased to see that the ESO's proposal for changes to the queue management system is being progressed. However, we are disappointed to note this will only apply to new applications and that there are exceptions which will exclude projects. We support WACMS 2, 3, 5, 7 and 9 and would urge you to address this omission by extending the queue management process to all customers from inception.

We are also concerned that the proposals do not effectively address the fundamental reform required to support the connection of renewable electricity generation.

We would encourage ESO to accelerate wider holistic reforms, extend queue management retrospectively to all applications and to encompass Bilateral Embedded Generator Agreements (BEGAs), DNOs associated with Distributed Generation (DG) or demand customer connections, shared works for non-radial offshore connections and any Offshore Transmission System User Development Works (OTSDUW)).

We will continue to call for wider additional reform to queue management to reduce the growing trading market in obtaining and selling connection contracts to enable swift connection to those who are ready to connect.

I would of course be very happy to discuss any of the above with you or colleagues.

Yours sincerely,

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