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RE: Providing Distribution Generation Offers with Non Firm Market Access

Dear All,

ScottishPower Renewables (SPR) is part of Iberdrola, one of the world's largest utilities and leading wind energy producer. ScottishPower Renewables is responsible for progressing the deployment of onshore wind projects in the UK and Ireland, and offshore windfarms throughout the world, managing the development, construction and operation of all projects.

We currently have over 30 operational windfarm sites with over 2GW installed capacity throughout the UK and Ireland, including our share in the 389 MW offshore windfarm West of Duddon Sands. In addition, we have a substantial development portfolio of onshore windfarms in the UK and Ireland and offshore wind projects in the East Anglia Zone, including the 714 MW East Anglia ONE project which is currently under construction. We are currently looking after repowering existing operational windfarms in NI with the intention to potentially increasing the installed capacity from 42MW to over 100MW.

We therefore welcome the opportunity to engage with the NIEN and respond to the proposed options on Providing Non-firm offers to generators.

SPR fully supports the NIRIG's response to this consultation and would like to stress the importance of having an anticipatory forward-looking network investment approach on the back of the existing UK Policy related to Net Zero commitments by 2050. We certainly believe that non-firm connections are good news to accelerate low carbon access to the network and encourage NIEN to integrate these processes into their business-as-usual practices even on the back of firm access availability.

We support the positions taken by NIRIG and wish to reiterate that the points raised in their consultation response are extremely important to ensure the most efficient and timely connection process for renewable and storage projects.

We would welcome discussion on any of the above and if you have any questions in relation to this response, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Yours sincerely

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