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Subject: Sizewell C - PM Part 2, Procedural Deadline B and SoS agreement regarding extension of the Examination

periods for Scottish Power Renewables

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Dear Madam Chair,

I am writing in regard to several matters:

Procedural Deadline B

I would like it noted that I would like the opportunity to speak at the Preliminary Meeting Part 2 (scheduled for 14th April 2021)

SoS agreement to extend the Examination Period for Scottish Power Renewables (EN010077 & EN010078)

I recently attended both days of the SZC virtual Preliminary Meeting 1. During both sessions interested parties emphasised (among other things) that:

- the scheduling of the SZC Application and those of the Scottish Renewables Applications were not allowing all local interests to fully participate in Applications barely 10 miles apart
- Covid 19 measures and continuing uncertainty, were impacting on their ability to participate fully
- technology (its performance) and fitness for purpose was questionable
- virtual meetings were proven to sub-optimal during SPR
- Site visits may still prove difficult, as indeed may effective Hearings
- The Local Election round may preclude long serving Councillors the opportunity of full involvement and supporting their constituents
- Further lock-downs are not out of the question
- Planning Inspectorate, Local Authority, Parish Council staff groups remain under severe pressure, as do volunteers, Parish Councillors, etc.

Moreover, as Hereward Philpott QC (Counsel for the Applicant) made clear at the Preliminary Meeting, this application is a "highly, unusually large and complex application..."

Consequently, I would ask that the SZC ExA review the likelyhood of the currently planned timetable enabling Interested Parties to constructively contribute to the Examination. Thereby allowing the Panel and Case Team (for the SZC Application) to examine the Application fully and produce robust recommendation reports, that would enable the SoS to reach decisions within the appropriate timescales.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course

Kind regards

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