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Dear Rynd Smith,

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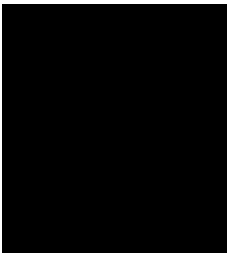
Having spent some years trying to persuade Scottish Power Renewables and National Grid that they were going about the connection of offshore windfarms to the national grid in the wrong way and that they should be thinking about integrated offshore solutions, it seems that they have at last started talking to virtually all the offshore experts like Elia and Ramboll

We know this because some of these companies had been helping us with our research and knowledge and suddenly they stopped cooperating and intimated that they had effectively been gagged by National Grid. Looking for others who are willing to talk has also proved difficult.

Whilst we could hope that the National Grid had suddenly seen the light and they are in the process of completely redesigning the scheme, it seems unlikely as we have discovered this methodology in some of our other research.

Assuming this situation has arisen, National Grid might try and claim this was because of a conflict of interest, but then, it is what we are asking for so there is no conflict. On the other hand it may be that they want to stop our research in an attempt to prevent anyone challenging their plans.

Yours sincerely,



Piers Sturridge
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