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To: North Wales Wind Farm Connection
Subject: Open Floor Hearing 9th December 2015.

Dear Sir,

Interested Party 10031169

Having forwarded apologies due to illness this is the written statement I would have presented to the hearing.
Submitted as a written statement for Deadline 9.

I remain concerned that NRW(Natural Resources Wales) have a conflict of interest with responsibility for land use and habitat management.
The organisation has one CEO (Chief Executive Officer).

The North Wales Windfarm Connection Project was designed to serve four wind farm factory developments,there are now only two.
Why do we need a connection on this scale now?

How widely publicised have the changes to the routes been?Will those within the communities affected by the changes from Option A to Option B have been informed?

I am still of the opinion that this development will damage the iconic landscapes in this area and therefore damage the tourism industry.

It is disjointed to examine Windfarm developments without the grid connection,as in-combination effects cannot be accurately evaluated when the developments are treated separately.

At the Clocaenog inquiry Inspector Wendy Burden made it clear to interested parties that she could only examine the development before her,in this case the Clocaenog Wind farm.

Environmental effects of the grid connection would be dealt with separately.

At this time RWE,the wind farm developer,could not be sure which route SP Manweb would use,there were two routes being considered at this time,so it cannot have been possible to know what damaging effects the wind farm and the grid connection together would create.

Obviously the developments are dependant on each other so it cannot be right,fair or accurate to be examining them separately.

The representative from NRW stated at the inquiry that there could be a small risk of in combination effects from the combined wind farm development and the grid connection,he stated that the precautionary principle should apply.

Whilst living close to a wind farm would be considered horrendous by most people,it is perhaps worth reminding ourselves that poles,pylons and the visual intrusion of an overhead grid connection will have a far wider and greater negative effect on a rural environment.

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