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Dear Mr Edwards,

Brechfa Forest Electricity Connection Project

Thank you for your letter dated 25 April 2013 with regard to the Western Power Distribution (South Wales) proposal for a twin wooden pole 132kV overhead line connecting the proposed wind farms at Brechfa Forest West, Brechfa Forest East and Bryn Llewelyn to the electricity network. I am replying in the absence of the Chief Executive.

The Brechfa Forest Electricity Connection project has not yet been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate as an application, and this application is not expected until the 4th Quarter of 2014. The project is therefore at the pre-application stage of the process established by the Planning Act 2008. This stage requires the developer to undertake formal consultation with various parties which include statutory parties (such as nature conservation bodies and local authorities), landowners, and members of the public. This consultation must be carried out prior to an application for development consent being made.

To ensure you are kept up to date with the progress of the project at this stage in the process you may wish to contact the developer directly. The contact details that we have been provided with by the developer are as follows: *Western Power Distribution (South Wales) plc – telephone 0800 019 3518.*

For updates as to when the project is likely to be submitted and, once received, its progress through the examination process you may wish to refer to the Brechfa Forest Electricity Connection project page on the National Infrastructure Planning website:

<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/wales/brechfa-forest-electricity-connection/>

This page will be updated throughout the progress of the potential application, when received, and will also contain a record of the advice that is given in relation to the

proposal. A record of the initial meeting held between the Planning Inspectorate and the developers on 23 January 2013 is available to view on this project page, under the "Advice Given" tab.

I trust this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact me again if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,



Mark Southgate
Director of Major Applications and Plans