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To whom it may concern,

Thank you for giving me the chance to respond to this. My comments are:

1. The Sec of State must now do due diligence on the use of the Ninfield substation as an alternative connection point into the 400kva grid.

The 8 Dec submission by AQUIND ruling out this option cannot be dismissed so lightly. It uses data from 2014 - the energy market has changed a lot since then. At that time, Lovedean looked a substation needing substantial upgrading to accommodate extra interconnector capacity. The entire 400kva grid looks due for an upgrade in 2024.

The SoS needs to approach NGET to get the latest data before taking any decision. I note that NGET's Operations Director, James Greenhalgh, is currently at BEIS. A chat with him may help. Rightly, COVID-related decisions are not based on out of date data. This must not be either.

2. The environmental damage this project will cause has not changed, nor has much of the application. AQUIND has been told to remove a telecom system. Yet, by requesting the right to build 2 X ORS that can be retrospectively be upgraded to original capacity, it makes a mockery of that ruling.

AQUIND should stick to the rules and build only what is required to control and monitor the cables. The ORS buildings at Fort Cumberland should not be built as there is available subsea amplification. We cannot have 'one rule for us, no rules for them'.

I look forward to the outcome of the process.

Yours faithfully,

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