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Good afternoon,

I am writing to you today to highlight why the Aquind Interconnector should not be given DCO.

The recent publication(November 2024) of Ofgem explains why the Aquind interconnector should not be awarded third cap and floor regime.
https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-11/Window_3_IPA_Decision.pdf

On Page 62 point 5.20 it states that
" AQUIND is predicted to be a predominant exporter in all scenarios. "

LSA has highlighted this issue in previous submissions. Ofgem clearly recognises that this " interconnector would be a predominant exporter" of energy. Aquind promoted the interconnector as a necessary addition to our energy requirement. Whilst we recognise that an interconnector is for mutual benefit of countries involved Ofgem highlights the export of energy.

Furthermore, Ofgem states two more disadvantages for the UK customer:

"Our decision:

5.33 Having carefully considered the consultation responses as well as the different aspects of our IPA, we have decided to reject AQUIND's application for a cap and floor regime as we are concerned with the potential negative effect this project has on the system. NESO's analysis suggests that the introduction of AQUIND into the system would generate significant constraint costs. We consider the modelled increase in constraint costs generated by AQUIND is disproportionate and represents a risk to consumers if it were to materialise.

5.34 We are now also of the view, following RTE's analysis on the timing of the project's construction in France, that AQUIND has not provided sufficient evidence to demonstrate to Ofgem's satisfaction the project is deliverable by the end of 2032."

Two issues according to Ofgem are to be considered:" " ... generate significant constraint costs " and" represent a risk to the consumer".

Is this message not very clear regarding the disbenefit of the Aquind interconnector?

This, of course, is in addition to the risk to our national security as highlighted by the MOD.

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