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Dear Mr Handysides

CONSULTATION ON ENVIRONMENTAL DISCRETIONARY REWARD UNDER RIIO – T1 PRICE CONTROL

Thank you for providing the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) with the opportunity to comment on the above consultation document.

SEPA in principal welcomes measures being proposed to “sharpen companies focus on strategic environmental considerations and encourage corporate and operational cultural change to facilitate a growth in low carbon energy.”

Scotland has specific renewable energy, climate change and decarbonisation targets that should be reflected in the strategic objectives for the Scottish Specific Transmission Owners (TOs) (eg SPTL and SHETL)

SEPA would also welcome more measurable/quantitative indicators within the score card in order that TOs are clearly demonstrating implementation rather than merely an understanding of the environmental objectives. The annual reporting requirement could for example include measures against greenhouse gas savings/impacts of specific actions.

SEPA has a key role in supporting the transition to a low carbon economy and environmental innovation, as set out in the Low Carbon Economic Strategy (LCES) for Scotland. This includes supporting the Strategy objective of *‘Ensuring delivery of the clean, affordable and secure electricity supply required to meet climate change targets and create a competitive position across low carbon energy sectors whilst delivering economic benefits for Scotland.’*

SEPA sits on the Scottish Energy Advisory Board which was established for high level, effective, open and informed engagement between ministers, the energy industry and other relevant bodies. The Board works collectively to deliver Scotland’s energy potential and secure Scotland’s energy future. We are also a member of the Renewables Industry Advisory Group, a sub-group of the Advisory Board and Ofgem’s Sustainable Development Advisory Group.



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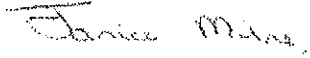
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As a public body committed to openness and transparency, SEPA feels it is appropriate that this response be placed on the public record. If you require further clarification on any aspect of this correspondence, please contact Emma Taylor, Senior Policy Officer, at the address shown above.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Janice Milne".

Janice Milne
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