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Our ref: LT00015/ENV/SCOP/01

Your ref:

Dear Sir / Madam,

The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017- Regulation 17 Request for EIA Scoping Opinion relative to – Balallan Switching Station, Balallan, Isle of Lewis

Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks Transmission (hereafter referred to as 'SSEN Transmission'), operating under licence as Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc owns, operates and develops the electricity transmission network across the north of Scotland and its remote islands and holds a license under the Electricity Act 1989 to develop and maintain an efficient, co-ordinated and economical system of electricity transmission.

SSEN Transmission is proposing to submit an application for planning permission under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended) for consent to construct and operate a 132kV circuit breaker switching station on land located approximately 100 m southwest of Balallan on the Isle of Lewis.

The planning application will be accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report. This letter, along with the accompanying documents listed below constitutes a formal Scoping Request under Regulation 17 of the above referenced regulations, in order to determine the information to be provided within the EIA Report.

Due to the size of the files that accompany this request I have batched them as follows to be sent by 3 emails. The emails shall contain the following:

- Email 1: Scoping Report and figures 1.1, 2.1 and 4.1 in 2 attachments.
- Email 2: Figures 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6, and 5.1 in 2 attachments.
- Email 3: Figures 6.1, 6.2, 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4 and Pathway to 2030 Projects leaflet in 2 attachments.

Should you have any immediate queries on the application please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully,

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Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks Transmission

Attachments

- LT15 EIA Scoping Report, including the following Figures:
 - Figure 1.1: Site Location
 - Figure 2.1: Site Layout
 - Figure 4.1: Preliminary Zone of Theoretical Visibility
 - Figure 4.2: Landscape Character Types
 - Figure 4.3: Landscape Designations and Classifications
 - Figure 4.4: Visual Receptors
 - Figure 4.5: Residential Properties within 1 km
 - Figure 4.6: Viewpoint Locations.
 - Figure 5.1: Cultural Heritage
 - Figure 6.1: Ecological Designations
 - Figure 6.2: Ornithological Designations
 - Figure 7.1: Hydrology Constraints
 - Figure 7.2: Flood Risk
 - Figure 7.3: Geology
 - Figure 7.4: Peat Classification
- Pathway to 2030 Projects Leaflet