

Security of Energy Supply Team
Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy
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Dear Sir/Madam

Response to Coal Generation in Britain: The Pathway to a Low-Carbon Future

Scottish Renewables is the voice of the renewable energy industry in Scotland, representing over 270 organisations working across the full range of technologies providing clean, sustainable, low-carbon heat, power and transport to Britain's homes and businesses.

We fully support the Secretary of State's priority to "ensure that our country has the electricity it needs to meet all of our needs, at the lowest possible cost and to ensure that we decarbonise our energy supplies in line with the UK's legally-binding commitments". We therefore welcome the Government's proposal to phase-out coal generation by 2025 as a key part of achieving these goals.

Scottish Renewables agrees with the Secretary of State that setting a clear end date for unabated coal generation sends a clear signal to investors in new, low-carbon generation capacity. This is particularly important given the Committee on Climate Change's (CCC) estimate that UK renewable power generation needs to double in the 2020s in order to meet emission reduction targets¹.

Alongside the coal phase-out, and further measures to accelerate the deployment of renewable heat and low-carbon transport, we echo the call by the CCC² and others for Government to ensure a viable route to market exists for renewable generation,

¹ Committee on Climate Change (2015) [Power Sector Scenarios for the Fifth Carbon Budget](#)

² Committee on Climate Change (2016) [Meeting Carbon Budgets: Progress Report to Parliament](#)

including the cheapest technologies (onshore wind and solar PV), in order to meet the fourth and fifth carbon budgets.

Scottish Renewables looks forward to continuing to work with the Department in achieving its goals of securing low-carbon energy at the lowest cost to the consumer to meet the UK's climate obligations.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jenny Hogan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Jenny Hogan
Director of Policy