

SR Monthly Briefing

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MONTHLY BRIEFING

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Dear Member,

I wanted to use this opportunity to introduce myself now I have taken up my post here at Scottish Renewables. It's been an interesting first week, and I had the advantage of having a few days in the office with the team ahead of my official start date.

One of those days was 11 September, when we saw the announcement of the new CfD round, with some impressively low price levels coming through the auction process and two Scottish projects securing contracts.

This is good news for our industry overall, but there remains a need to support all technologies to facilitate cost reductions and provide a route to market across the diverse and resilient mix that we will require for our future energy needs. SR will continue to focus its efforts to ensure the voice of the whole industry is heard.

I'll be in touch again shortly to offer some thoughts on areas of priority for the coming year.

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General

[New Scottish Renewables staff](#)

Scottish Renewables is delighted to welcome four new team members:

- [Claire Mack](#), Chief Executive
- [Peter Speirs](#), Public Affairs Manager
- [Stephanie Conesa](#), Policy Manager
- [Sue DeFranco](#), Administration Officer

Peter will lead on our engagement with politicians at both Holyrood and Westminster, while Stephanie will be working on a range of policy issues for large-scale renewable generation. Sue provides general office support in our Business Services team. All can be contacted via 0141 353 4980 or by [email](#).

[Climate Change Bill response](#)

[Scottish Renewables submitted a brief response](#) to the Scottish Government's [Climate Change Bill consultation](#) highlighting the need to keep pushing the boundaries of ambition and the key role that renewable energy must play in delivering on that ambition.

[Budget submission](#)

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Our response focusses, among other things, on delivering continued growth for less established technologies, unlocking investment in lowest-cost forms of energy and providing clarity for smaller-scale and community renewables development.

Contact [Rachelle Money](#), Director of Communications, with any comments.

[Scottish Green Energy Awards shortlist](#)

The [shortlist](#) for the 2017 Scottish Green Energy Awards was announced on October 2.

It includes businesses, community organisations and individuals “of which everyone in Scotland should be proud”.

See [our press release](#) for more information.

[Calum Davidson tribute](#)

Calum Davidson served as Director of Energy and Low Carbon at Highlands and Islands Enterprise until his retirement for health reasons last year. He passed away last month.

Scottish Renewables' tribute, along with others from his former employer and RenewableUK, [can be found on our website](#).

[Media reactions](#)

Scottish Renewables responded to a number of announcements in September:

- News that [Scotland's renewable energy sector is on course to generate a record amount of electricity this year](#)
- The [publication of The Scottish Government's Programme for Government](#).

Other media reactions can be found in the relevant section of this Monthly Briefing.

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The Department for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy has launched a [consultation on further proposed amendments to the non-domestic RHI](#).

The consultation seeks views on a number of areas including proposed changes to eligible heat uses and subsidy limits for very large plant. Scottish Renewables' response to chapter 2 (eligible heat uses) is [available on our website](#).

If you would like to contribute to the wider consultation please contact [Hannah Smith](#) by COP 31 October.

[Contracts for Difference - allocation round results](#)

BEIS [confirmed the outcome of the second Contract for Difference auction](#) on 11 September

Two Scottish projects were among the eleven successful bidders in the auction

- Moray Offshore Windfarm (East) secured a contract for 950MW for delivery in 2022/23 with a strike price of £57.50.
- Grangemouth Renewable Energy Limited secured a contract for 85MW for delivery in 2021/22 with a strike price of £74.75.

[The full results are available on the BEIS website](#), and Scottish Renewables' response is [available here](#).



Systems & Storage

[Hydrogen seminar](#)

Our first hydrogen event was held on September 28.

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[our website](#). A blog wrapping up the event [is also available](#).

[ENA Open Networks: Commercial Principles for Contracted Flexibility](#)

[Scottish Renewables has responded](#) to the [ENA Open Networks](#) consultation on [commercial principles for contracted flexibility](#). Overall the response welcomes the ambitions of the open networks project while setting out some concern over the need for greater clarity on a number of issues including market roles and distribution access rights.

[SSEN consultation: North of Scotland repowering](#)

Scottish Renewables is seeking feedback on [SSEN's North of Scotland Wind Repowering paper](#). Feedback will be utilised to develop SSEN's Future Energy Scenarios.

Please submit any comments on [the current draft response](#) to [Stephanie Conesa](#) by Friday 6 October.

[BEIS consultation on Assessment and Design Fees](#)

BEIS has launched a [consultation on allowing distribution network operators \(DNOs\) to charge upfront Assessment & Design fees](#) when processing connection requests. This proposal is designed to help ensure a fairer sharing of costs between customers and improve the efficiency of the overall connection process.

Contact [Hannah Smith](#) with comments or questions.

Planning & Consents

[SEPA consultations](#)

SEPA has recently launched two important consultations, both with a deadline of 3 November:

- [Revision of the Environmental Regulation \(Scotland\) Charging Scheme](#)
- [New Compliance Assessment Scheme](#)

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[Supplementary Planning Guidance: East Ayrshire Council](#)

East Ayrshire Council is consulting on a [range of supplementary guidance documents](#) including heat generation, planning for wind energy and non-statutory guidance on community benefits from wind energy development.

The deadline for responses is 13 October. Please contact [Stephanie Conesa](#) with any comments.

Offshore Renewables

[Media reaction - Scotrenewables](#)

[News](#) that a Scotrenewables tidal power turbine has provided the equivalent of up to 25% of Orkney's electricity demand prompted a response from Scottish Renewables.

Hannah Smith, Senior Policy Manager, [said](#): "Scotrenewables' latest milestone is typical of the achievements which just keep coming in our cutting-edge tidal energy sector."

[Marine Conference](#)

Our Marine Conference was held in Inverness on September 12-13, in association with Highlands and Islands Enterprise and Wave Energy Scotland. Read [our blog of the event](#) or [download presentations](#) from our website.

Onshore Renewables

[Media reaction – rates relief](#)

The Scottish Government has announced that it will offer extended Business Rates relief to hydropower projects pending a review of the Plant and Machinery Order. [Our reaction is available here](#).

Contact [Hannah Smith](#), Senior Policy Manager, with any comments.

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Our Solar Conference and Exhibition was held in Edinburgh on September 6, in association with SISER.

Presentations [can be downloaded from our website](#).

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