

SR Monthly Briefing

A round-up of the work SR is doing on your behalf



**Dear Member,**

The Scottish Government held a meeting last month to discuss its Fees Charged for Applications under the Electricity Act 1989 consultation. The proposals outline considerable fee increases at a time when the industry is looking towards cost reduction, as supported by the Scottish Government’s Energy Strategy.



We heard members express concern over transparency around the proposals, as well as the viability of future projects in the face of steep cost increases.

Scottish Renewables is working with members to inform our response to this consultation, as well as our wider communications response.

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### **Young Professionals Green Energy Awards shortlist**

Almost [40 finalists](#) of the 2018 Young Professionals Green Energy Awards were announced last month.

Jenny Hogan, Deputy Chief Executive of Scottish Renewables, said: "I'm absolutely blown away by the level of talent shown in the nominations submitted."

Tickets for the event [are available](#) (SR members receive a discount), and limited sponsorship opportunities also remain. Email [Lisa Russell](#) for details.

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### **Helm Review Debate**

Professor Dieter Helm's Cost of Energy Review was [debated in the House of Commons](#) in April.

Contributions came from all sides of the House, including from Claire Perry MP. The Government welcomed the report and was challenged by opposition parties to set out more fully its response to the report's recommendations.

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### **Scottish Enterprise energy market expert support**

Scottish Enterprise is offering [market expert support](#) to companies looking to develop their business interests in the renewable and low-carbon sector.



Funding for market analysis and technical due diligence support will be available to eligible candidates.

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### **Blog: Why we do what we do**

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a frank, and slightly frightening, presentation on climate change from Chris Rapley, Professor of Climate Change at University College London.

Following the event, Communications Manager Eilidh Clark was inspired to write a [blog](#) on how the energy industry can play its part in combating climate change.

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### **Whisky industry meets target**

The Scotch Whisky Association announced last month that Scotland's whisky industry has reached a target for increased renewable energy use four years ahead of schedule.

Responding, Hannah Smith, Senior Policy Manager at Scottish Renewables, said: "To see the Scottish whisky industry smashing targets ahead of schedule is inspiring and shows the benefit of setting ambitious clean energy goals to drive forward real change."

The logo for Offshore Renewables features the words "OFFSHORE RENEWABLES" in white, uppercase, sans-serif font, set against a blue background that tapers to the right.

### **Marine Scotland – bringing the offshore wind and fisheries sectors together**

Marine Scotland is organising a meeting of representatives from the offshore energy and fisheries sectors to discuss best practice for co-existence and mitigation in line with Scotland's National Marine Plan.

This will take place on Thursday, 31 May. If you have any questions please contact [Stephanie Conesa](#).

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### **SpORRAn Coordination Meeting**

Marine Scotland will be holding a meeting of the Scottish Offshore Renewables Research Framework (SpORRAn) Coordination Group on Thursday 7 June. [Stephanie Conesa](#) will be attending. If there is anything you would like to feed into this group, please get in touch.

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The Policy & Innovation Group at the University of Edinburgh has released an [Ocean Energy Review](#). The report gives an overview of sectoral development over the past 12 months.

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### **Media reaction: world-first turbine**

SR [responded](#) to news that Vattenfall had installed the “world’s most powerful wind turbine” at the Aberdeen Bay Wind Farm.

Stephanie Conesa, Policy Manager at Scottish Renewables, said: “As the windiest country in Europe with some of the deepest waters, we should be proud of Scotland’s burgeoning offshore wind industry.”

## GRID & SYSTEMS



### **Consultation response: RIIO-2 Framework**

RIIO (Revenues = Incentives + Innovation + Outputs) is Ofgem’s approach to ensuring the monopoly companies who run gas and electricity networks have enough revenue to run an efficient network that delivers what customers need.

The current price control period is due to finish in 2021, and [Scottish Renewables has responded to Ofgem’s consultation framework for the next price control period, RIIO-2](#).

Our response highlights that the price control should be aligned to clean energy objectives, enable Scottish Networks to support new volumes of capacity and enable network innovation.

Please direct any questions to [Hannah Smith](#)

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### **Consultation Response: EV Charging**

Scottish Renewables has [responded](#) to

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### **EU Network Codes - briefing sessions**

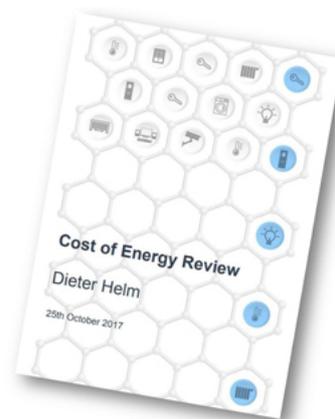
The Energy Networks Association is holding a briefing session to help generators understand EU grid code requirements. [Register to attend in Glasgow on 22 May.](#)

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### **Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund**

[UK Research and Innovation](#), through Innovate UK and the [Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council](#), has announced [a new fund](#) for research and industry to develop future smart energy systems and prove their use at scale.

## ONSHORE RENEWABLES



### **Greg Clark pressed on route to market for onshore wind**

Secretary of State for Business, Energy, and Industrial Strategy Greg Clark was [challenged on the future of the onshore wind sector](#) during his appearance before the Scottish Parliament's Economy, Jobs, and Fair Work Committee.

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Later on the same day SR Director of Communications Nick Sharpe asked the Secretary of State about the future of the Feed-in Tariff, as well as raising issues caused by uncertainty around the RHI and CfD mechanisms.

It is now understood that clarity will be provided by BEIS in its response to Prof Dieter Helm's Cost of Energy Review, which is expected sometime in spring.

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### **Consultation on enabling additional capacity at large hydro generating stations**

This [consultation](#) seeks views on an amendment to the Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Order 2009 to enable hydroelectric generating stations in Scotland to increase their declared net capacity above 20MW.

This consultation closes on Tuesday 12 June. Contact [ROS2018@gov.scot](mailto:ROS2018@gov.scot) with questions.

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### **Blog: How hydro could power Scotland's future**

Ahead of our Hydro Conference on Tuesday (8 May), Senior Policy Manager Hannah Smith considers the role hydro and pumped storage could play in Scotland's future in our new [blog](#).

She states that the hydro sector is well-placed "to help deliver a series of benefits to our energy system and our economy".

## PLANNING & CONSENTS



### **Scottish Government meeting on Fees Charged for Applications under the Electricity Act 1989**

As detailed in the introduction to this email, the Scottish Government has held a meeting to discuss its [Fees Charged for Applications under the Electricity Act 1989 consultation](#).

Scottish Renewables is working with members to inform our response to this consultation, and is also looking for member companies who are directly affected by the increases to act as case studies for media work focussed on achieving a better outcome for industry.

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### **Central Belt Radar Forum - developer meeting**

The Scottish Government met with developers who are impacted by Central Belt civil radar issues this month as part of the Central Belt Radar Forum.



[Stephanie Conesa](#) attended this meeting. If you have any questions, please get in touch.

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### **Midlothian Council draft Supplementary Guidance**

Midlothian Council is seeking comments on [its draft Supplementary Guidance](#) setting out Statements of Importance for the seven Special Landscape Areas identified in the Midlothian Local Development Plan 2017.

This consultation closes Wednesday 6 June. If you have any questions, contact Grant Ballantine (0131 271 3429) or email [ldp@midlothian.gov.uk](mailto:ldp@midlothian.gov.uk).

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### **Scottish Government Community Benefits and Shared Ownership Steering Group**

The Scottish Government has set up a dedicated review mailbox ([CBSOGuidanceReview@gov.scot](mailto:CBSOGuidanceReview@gov.scot)) for its Community Benefits and Shared Ownership Steering Group. It is also in the process of setting up a webpage to contain information on progress of the steering group, workshops, and other relevant work.

**LOW-CARBON HEAT**



**Blog: The heat of the moment**

The University of Exeter's Richard Lowes

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the Renewable Heat Incentive's flaws.

Ahead of the event, he also contributed to a Scottish Renewables [blog](#) where he analysed the RHI scheme in more detail and asked "Where did it all go wrong?".

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