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To whom it may concern,

### **BEIS Smart Systems and Flexibility Plan: Progress Update**

Scottish Renewables is the voice of Scotland's renewable energy industry, working to grow the sector and sustain its position at the forefront of the global clean energy industry. We represent around 260 organisations working across the full range of renewable energy technologies in Scotland and around the world, from large suppliers, operators and manufacturers to small developers, installers and community groups - and companies right across the supply chain.

We recognise that government and industry have made considerable progress in delivering specific actions set out in the Smart System Flexibility Plan to date, and this is welcome. We would however stress that in order to meet our international commitments on climate change and deliver the energy transformation we aspire to this work must continue apace.

We see a particular need for action in the following areas:

- Developing flexibility markets at distribution level, where small-scale renewable energy assets can participate
- Ensuring that ancillary services and the Balancing Mechanism allow for renewable energy participation
- Accelerating the decarbonisation of our heat and transport sectors in a way consistent with the direction of travel across the whole energy system
- Ensuring synergies between policy ambition and network regulatory reform

For further detail on these matters we would direct you to the RenewableUK response with which Scottish Renewables is broadly aligned.

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Yours sincerely,

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