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To whom it may concern,

GC0143: Last resort disconnection of Embedded Generation

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 transition. We represent around 260 organisations across the full range of renewable energy technologies in Scotland and around the world, ranging from energy suppliers, operators and manufacturers to small developers, installers and community groups, as well as companies throughout the supply chain.

We understand that the situation we find ourselves in due to the Covid-19 restrictions is unprecedented and therefore GC0143 (Last Resort Disconnection of Embedded Generation) is an understandable emergency modification to ensure our energy system remains safe and reliable during these extraordinary times.

While we understand that there is a low probability that this modification will be used, we would ask that National Grid ESO is fully transparent about the process in which these powers are used as a last resort. Under this modification embedded generators could be curtailed without any compensation which would have a significant impact on renewable generators and therefore it is crucial that emergency disconnection is not used as an alternative to reaching a commercial arrangement with generators.

A sustainable long-term solution must be found, which considers how generators are compensated under these measures, to ensure that we are prepared for any future scenario like the one we find ourselves in today.

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Scottish Renewables would be keen to engage further with this agenda and would be happy to discuss our response in more detail.

Yours sincerely,

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