

Email to:

connections@ofgem.gov.uk

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Dear Akshay,

Letter to Ofgem regarding delayed decisions on code modifications

Scottish Renewables is the voice of Scotland's renewable energy industry. The sectors we represent deliver investment, jobs and social benefits and reduce the carbon emissions which cause climate change. Our 340-plus members work across all renewable energy technologies, in Scotland, the UK, Europe and around the world. In representing them, we aim to lead and inform the debate on how the growth of renewable energy can help sustainably heat and power Scotland's homes and businesses.

Scottish Renewables would like to express our disappointment regarding several delayed decisions on code modifications. While we understand that delays may be unavoidable due to resource constraints, it is essential that there is effective communication regarding the revised timelines for the affected decision. This effective communication will enable industry to manage their expectations on timelines and avoid wasting time and effort.

In recent cases, industry has been affected by delayed decisions from Ofgem, but there has been no communication on the revised publication date. An example of this is CMP376 'the inclusion of Queue Management within CUSC' which was initially expected in September 2023 but has since been delayed until November 11, 2023.

As previously stated in our response¹ to National Grid ESO's Connections reform consultation², we continue to urge that there is a swift decision from the regulator as the connections queue is continuing to grow exponentially and action is needed to address it as soon as possible.

Scottish Renewables and its members are ready to work with the ESO, TOs, Ofgem and Government to tackle the current connections queue, particularly around the effective implementation of CMP376.

We are keen to engage further with this agenda and would be happy to discuss this in more detail.

¹ [SR Final Response: Connection Reform Consultation \(scottishrenewables.com\)](#)

² [Connections Reform | ESO \(nationalgrideso.com\)](#)

Yours sincerely,

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