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To Whom It May Concern,

### **Response to Heat networks – installation and maintenance licence consultation**

Scottish Renewables (SR) is the voice of Scotland's renewable energy industry. Our vision is for Scotland to lead the world in renewable energy. We work to grow Scotland's renewable energy sector and sustain its position at the forefront of the global clean energy industry. We represent over 375 organisations that deliver investment, jobs, social benefit and reduce the carbon emissions which cause climate change.

Our members work across all renewable technologies, in Scotland, the UK, Europe 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. In representing them, we aim to lead and inform the debate on how the growth of renewable energy can provide solutions to help sustainably heat and power Scotland's homes and businesses.

SR appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback on this proposal for installation and maintenance licences for heat networks. We strongly support this proposal and encourage the Scottish Government to work at pace to unlock these powers.

We would like to highlight the following points in response to this proposal:

- The most important aspect of this proposal is that it be implemented consistently, and aligned with the process in England, to ensure investor confidence.
- The license should be streamlined, simple and quick to apply for, to ensure an equal playing field with England.
- The fees associated with licensing should be modest to ensure they do not impinge on the viability of heat network projects in Scotland. While our members do not have a strong preference for who the regulator should be, they are concerned about the costs associated with funding a regulatory body and would encourage that cost be a key factor in determining who the regulator should be.

We welcome continued conversations with the Scottish Government about unlocking these powers and look forward to working with you as this moves forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Amundson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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