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Dear Tom

**Consultation Document ' For the Charging Arrangements Associated with SQSS  
Design Variations based on Customer Requests'**

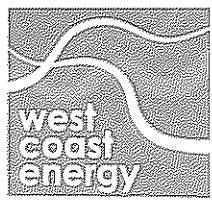
West Coast Energy Ltd welcomes the opportunity to comment on the consultation on charging and access arrangements associated with SQSS design variations. West Coast Energy have acted as consultants to a number of major windfarm projects throughout Great Britain and have obtained consent for over 400 MW of projects with a further 1000 MW either going through planning or with a planning application being prepared. At a recent TCMF meeting I expressed my concerns that our existing connections being constructed at Millennium and Kilbraur (Strathbroira) are being based on single circuit connections, in spite of repeated requests for double circuit connections; this leads to us being exposed to uncompensated access restrictions but full TNUoS charges. As such, the options presented in the consultation paper present the potential for substantial improvements to the status quo.

We are opposed to the option of reverting to deep connection charging, as we feel this is a backward step. The options which allows the Transmission Owner to design to a lower design standard provided it can be economically justified but which leads to compensation for access restrictions or that which leads to a TNUoS charge rebate for a single circuit connection are both preferable to the status quo and each have their own merits. An optimum solution from a generator's perspective may be for them to be given the choice following consultation, on a project by project basis, with the Transmission Owner. That being said while we are content for the option being proposed by National Grid, namely the principle of changing the TNUoS Methodology be adopted, we would question whether from the example quoted in the consultation, the Methodology change accurately reflects the savings in having a single circuit connection both in terms of the overhead line and the reduced substation assets in the substation. Also we would suggest that consideration be given to simplifying the calculations so that the difference between secure and unsecure connections can be established and quantified quickly and simply perhaps by quoting average figures for each generation zone.



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Of great importance we would hope it would go without saying that the consultation would apply to all Transmission Connections including those already built, those being built as well as those yet to apply.

I hope you find my comments useful but if you wish to discuss them further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Your sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Walker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning of the word "David" and a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of "Walker".

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On behalf of RDC Developments Ltd  
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