

Summary of Optimisation Meeting 26th November 2008

Latest queue advancement position following meeting on 26th November

Headlines

- 300MW have been identified for advancement in SHETL's area of which 118MW will be reliant on non-firm connection before Beaully-Denny is complete
- 154MW have been identified for advancement in SPTL's area all of which will be offer firm connections
- Based on our desktop studies nearly all projects in Scotland which obtain consents above B2 (Beaully-Denny) going forward could get at least a non-firm connection offer for 2011 or 2012 (unless located on the Isles)
- Based on our desktop studies nearly all projects in Scotland which obtain consents below the B2 (Beaully-Denny) going forward will get a firm offer of 2011/12 (unless in the Kintyre area)

Detailed Notes

- Completion of local works associated with all of the above projects remain subject to caveats i.e. transmission planning, procurement, wayleaves and outages where these need to be progressed. Planning expected to be critical issue.
- Any project above Beaully-Denny will require non-firm access across the Beaully-Denny boundary until this line is consented and built.
- The 454MW of advancement means that all 621MW of projects with consents, that requested advancement in Scotland now have the fastest date for connection possible given construction of the wind farm and local Transmission connection lead times. Planning consent for local consents remains a risk to their initial connection to the system
- We anticipate that provision of non-firm should be acceptable and 'bankable' for projects north of B2, Beaully-Denny and is likely to be effectively a firm connection with supplementary clauses for the provision of an Intertrip (which we believe has a very low probability of firing) or clauses relating to specific local constraints or limitations that mirror provisions that are already used for some generators in other parts of the system