



Management of Contracted Connections

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GB Transmission Consent Delays

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Grid Reinforcements

- **SHETL Reinforcements**
 - 21 Reinforcement Projects - mix of 33 / 132 / 275 / 400kV
 - 18 Mainland
 - 3 Island - Orkney, Shetland & Western Isles
 - Sequential grid upgrade construction programme commencing with Beaully - Denny
- **SPT Reinforcements**
 - 8 Reinforcement Projects - mix of 132 / 275 / 400kV



Beauly – Denny Timetable

- Completion Date - **1st December 2008**, based on no Public Inquiry.
- Scottish Ministers announced requirement for Public Inquiry in September 2006. Draft timetable for Public Inquiry - **February 2007 - June 2007**.
- Forecast connection date now **31st October 2011**. Affected Users informed.
- Following pre-Inquiry meetings, Public Inquiry timetable confirmed by Scottish Executive Inquiry Reporters Unit (SEIRU) - completion estimated as **January 2008**.
- Report to Scottish Ministers - **Autumn 2008**, at the earliest. Consent decision **Winter 2008/09**.
- Anticipated that revised timetable will further delay forecast connection date by **6 – 18 months**. To be confirmed during Optimisation.
- Likely to impact on sequential grid upgrade construction programme.



Optimisation

- Review sequential construction programme
 - Can we split some reinforcements – “do some work now and the rest later”?
 - Can the construction be accelerated?
- Where possible de-couple reinforcement dependency (i.e. both H1 and H2)
- Undertake design review