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Dear Sirs,

**Our ref: LT14**

**Proposal of Application Notice: Proposed Construction and Operation of a Strategic Electricity Transmission Hub Consisting of a 400kV AC Substation, an HVDC Converter Station, and the Associated Undertaking of Earthworks, the Formation of Platforms, Landscaping, Means of Access, Means of Enclosure, Site Drainage, Temporary Construction Compounds, Peatland Reprofilling and Improvement and Other Associated Operations (National Development) at Land at, and in the vicinity of Macaulay Farm, Arnish Moor, Isle of Lewis, HS2 9JN**

Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc (the Prospective Applicant), operating and known as Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks Transmission (SSEN Transmission), is pleased to submit this Proposal of Application Notice (PAN) and attached site outline drawing relating to the Construction and Operation of a Strategic Electricity Transmission Hub Consisting of a 400kV AC Substation, and an HVDC Converter Station, and the Associated Undertaking of Earthworks, the Formation of Platforms, Landscaping, Means of Access, Means of Enclosure, Site Drainage, Temporary Construction Compounds, Peatland Reprofilling and Improvement and Other Associated Operations (National Development) at Land at, and in the vicinity of Macaulay Farm, Arnish Moor, Isle of Lewis, HS2 9JN

The Prospective Applicant has planned two in-person public consultation events. The first will be held at Cabarfeidh Hotel, Perceval Road South, Stornoway, Isle of Lewis HS1 2EU on 05 September 2024 between 1500 and 1900 hours. The last public event will be held at the same venue on 14 November 2024 between 1500 and 1900 hours.

Statutory newspaper notices relevant to the public events will be placed in The Stornoway Gazette. The first event will be advertised on 22 August 2024 and the current aim is to advertise on or around 31 October 2024 but in any case, no less than seven days in advance of the final event. A draft of the first advert is attached for your information.

Copies of this PAN and accompanying plan outlining the site will be sent to the parties, listed below:

**Local Community Council:**

North Lochs Community Council [northlochscommunitycouncil@outlook.com](mailto:northlochscommunitycouncil@outlook.com)

**Neighbouring Community Council:**

Stornoway Community Council [info@sycommunitycouncil.org.uk](mailto:info@sycommunitycouncil.org.uk)

**Sgìre Nan Loch Ward Councillors:**

Cllr Angus Morrison [angus.morrison@cne-siar.gov.uk](mailto:angus.morrison@cne-siar.gov.uk)

Cllr Robert Mackenzie [robert.mackenzie@cne-siar.gov.uk](mailto:robert.mackenzie@cne-siar.gov.uk)

**Loch A Tuath Ward Councillors:**

Cllr Donald F Crichton [donald.crichton@cne-siar.gov.uk](mailto:donald.crichton@cne-siar.gov.uk)

Cllr John A Maciver [johna.maciver@cne-siar.gov.uk](mailto:johna.maciver@cne-siar.gov.uk)

Cllr Calum Maclean [calum.maclean@cne-siar.gov.uk](mailto:calum.maclean@cne-siar.gov.uk)

**Steornabhagh a Tuath Ward Councillors:**

Cllr Iain Macaulay [iainm.macaulay@cne-siar.gov.uk](mailto:iainm.macaulay@cne-siar.gov.uk)

Cllr Malcolm K Macdonald [malcolm.macdonald@cne-siar.gov.uk](mailto:malcolm.macdonald@cne-siar.gov.uk)

Cllr Duncan Macinnes MBE [duncan.macinnes@cne-siar.gov.uk](mailto:duncan.macinnes@cne-siar.gov.uk)

Cllr Gordon Murray [gordon.murray@cne-siar.gov.uk](mailto:gordon.murray@cne-siar.gov.uk)

**Steornabhagh a Deas Ward Councillors:**

Cllr Angus McCormack [a.mccormack@cne-siar.gov.uk](mailto:a.mccormack@cne-siar.gov.uk)

Cllr Rae Mackenzie [rae.mackenzie@cne-siar.gov.uk](mailto:rae.mackenzie@cne-siar.gov.uk)

Cllr Frances Murray [frances.murray@cne-siar.gov.uk](mailto:frances.murray@cne-siar.gov.uk)

Cllr George Murray [george.murray@cne-siar.gov.uk](mailto:george.murray@cne-siar.gov.uk)

**Sgìre an Rubha Ward Councillors:**

Cllr Norman Macdonald [nt.macdonald@cne-siar.gov.uk](mailto:nt.macdonald@cne-siar.gov.uk)

Cllr Finlay M Stewart [fnlay.stewart@cne-siar.gov.uk](mailto:fnlay.stewart@cne-siar.gov.uk)

**Hollyrood MSP:**

Alasdair Allan MSP [Alasdair.Allan.msp@parliament.scot](mailto:Alasdair.Allan.msp@parliament.scot)

**Westminster MP:**

Torcuil Crichton MP [torcuil.crichton.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:torcuil.crichton.mp@parliament.uk)

In terms of additional consultation and publicity, the Prospective Applicant proposes to carry out a leaflet drop of properties within 5km of the site in order to make the public aware of the consultation events and a proof of the leaflet is attached for your information. There is also a dedicated project website where project updates are provided at <https://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/projects/project-map/western-isles/>. In addition to the required statutory

advertisement, the events will be publicised on local radio, social media and local web based news sites (We love Stornoway and Hebrides News).

We trust that the approach as set out above and in the attached PAN is sufficient to meet the terms of the statutory requirements for pre-application consultation, without prejudice to the planning authority's obligations under the terms of Section 35(B)(7) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended).

I look forward to receiving confirmation of receipt and validation of this PAN, and any response that the Council may have within 21 days.

Should you have any queries or require further information please contact me directly.

Yours faithfully.

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