

24 September 2010

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Consultation - Proposal to establish a Temporary Transponder Mandatory Zone over the Clyde Wind Farm**

In July 2008, Scottish Ministers gave consent for the development of the Clyde Wind Farm to SSE Renewables Developments (UK) Limited ("SSE Renewables"). The wind farm development will be constructed in three sections - South, Central and North - between Abington and Moffat, straddling both sides of the M74 in the south of Scotland, it will consist of 152 turbines.

The consent granted by Scottish Ministers included planning conditions relating to secondary and primary radar mitigation requirements to ensure that the national air traffic controllers cannot see the turbines blades on the radar display. The secondary radar condition has been discharged. SSE Renewables is continuing the work to ensure that the primary radar condition is also discharged which will involve the construction of a new primary radar to provide the necessary level of coverage over the wind farm. The development of the new radar is progressing well.

Whilst the new radar is being constructed, a short-term solution has been proposed which involves the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) imposing a temporary Transponder Mandatory Zone (TMZ) for a period of around 18 months, which requires aircraft which enter or fly within the defined volume of airspace to have and operate a transponder.

The imposition of a TMZ requires a change to the airspace arrangements which can only be adopted after a full consultation process, outlined by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), has been undertaken with the relevant stakeholders. Therefore the purpose of this letter is to make you aware that the consultation process started on 24 September 2010 and to invite you to review the consultation document at [www.sse-clyde.com](http://www.sse-clyde.com) and submit your views.

The consultation document provides details of the options considered and the proposed TMZ. The consultation period will last for 12 weeks and we look forward to receiving your response on or before 18 December 2010. You can submit your response by the preferred option of email to, [clydetmz@sserenewables.com](mailto:clydetmz@sserenewables.com) or via the freepost address at, Freepost – RSKK-BGEC-XYLB, Ruth Semple, Community Liaison Officer, Clyde TMZ Response, SSE Renewables, 16 Robertson Street Glasgow, G2 8DU.

Yours sincerely,



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