

A round-up of the work SR is doing
on your behalf



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MONTHLY BRIEFING
JULY 2022

Dear member,

On Thursday or Friday this week (July 7-8) the Contracts for Difference (CfD) AR4 results will be announced, making this a key week for many projects. What does, or doesn't, come through the AR4 will have major implications for achieving the levels of deployment net-zero requires, future discussion with the UK Government on route to market and the development of our indigenous supply chain.



SR is requesting that members share with us, in confidence, which of their projects have bid into the round so we can better understand the situation on results day. This will ensure that we, as your trade body, are fully prepared to react quickly and accurately when the results are announced.

Please contact [Andrew](#) to share any information.

Be assured that as soon as the results are announced the SR team will be providing comment and analysis. Please make sure that [you are signed up to our Economics & Markets Forum](#) to receive our updates.

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GENERAL





A busy month for SR

June was a busy month for the Scottish Renewables' team. We've been out and about attending many different events including: Global Offshore Wind in Manchester, the Royal Highland Show in Edinburgh and a Roundtable with the EU Ambassador to the UK.

Follow us on [twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#) to keep up to date with our work promoting the renewables industry.

Meeting with Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport

Claire Mack and Ben Walker met with Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport at the Scottish Parliament this month. Our meeting focused on the next steps for ScotWind including addressing consenting of projects. We also discussed how to continue to develop Scotland's renewable supply chain industry.



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Meeting with Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity

Claire Mack and Nick Sharpe met with Lorna Slater MSP, Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity, this month.

Discussion centred on the energy transition and supply chain, as well as ways in which industry was involving itself in the provision of skills transfer.

Westminster engagement

We have continued to work with other UK energy trade associations to seek to influence proposals for a Windfall Tax, making the case against it, and have delivered a joint briefing for MPs with RenewableUK, Energy UK, Nuclear Industry Association, Solar Energy UK and Renewable Energy Association.



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Holyrood engagement

This month we held a meeting of the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Cross Party Group on offshore renewables and supply chain with speakers from Crown Estate Scotland, Orbital Marine, Falck Renewables and Port of Cromarty Firth.

Deadline today for new Net-Zero Energy Transition Awards

The inaugural [Net-Zero Energy Transition Awards \(NZETA\)](#) are open to entries from organisations, bodies and individuals contributing to the renewable energy industry supply chain in Scotland. This includes everyone from large-scale manufacturers and marine service providers to component part suppliers, law firms, consultants, catering providers and much more.

Nominations close at 5pm today (July 5) and can be submitted

[here](#). Winners will be crowned at a black-tie awards ceremony on August 25 at The Chester Hotel, Aberdeen.



PLANNING & CONSENTS



SR consultation response: proposed changes to application fees

SR has submitted a [final response](#) to The Scottish Government and Energy Consents Unit's [consultation on proposed changes to application fees](#) charged for applications submitted under sections 36, 36C and 37 of the Electricity Act 1989.

Our response supports the principle of proportionate cost recovery to create a well-resourced energy consenting regime that can efficiently respond to the challenges of decarbonisation and net-zero. However, in responding SR requested that further information be provided to explain the magnitude of increases proposed before any changes to fee structures are implemented.

Related, The Scottish Government has published [Circular 2/2022](#) on planning fees which provides guidance on provisions within the Town and Country Planning (fees for Applications) Regulations as amended. This circular replaces 1/2004 and 2/2013.



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SR consultation response: draft guidance for solar farms

SR has submitted a [final response](#) to NatureScot's draft guidance on general pre-application and scoping advice for solar farms. The new draft guidance will replace NatureScot's [existing solar guidance](#). Our recommendation is a redraft of

this guidance which starts from the point of view that solar is a relatively benign form of development which brings with it opportunities for Scotland to enhance biodiversity, reduce flood risk and enhance our landscapes.

Get in touch with [Mark](#) for more information.

Guidance for applicants on using the design envelope for applications

The Energy Consents Unit and Marine Scotland published on June 6, [guidance for applicants on using the design envelope approach for applications under section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989](#), where flexibility is required in applications.

The guidance explains how the design envelope assessment approach may be applied in applications and also provides background to the relevant case law and environmental impact assessment practice that has developed in this area.



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ONSHORE RENEWABLES



Onshore Wind Vision and Sector Deal for Scotland

Scottish Renewables is leading a conversation between the renewable energy industry and The Scottish Government in relation to the establishment of a Vision and Sector Deal for onshore wind for Scotland.

The Vision and Sector Deal would seek to capture the needs and ambitions of The Scottish Government and the Scottish wind industry to act as an enabling tool for delivering an additional 12GW of onshore wind capacity in Scotland by 2030.

SR has held a series of exploratory discussions with BVG Associates and The Scottish Government on how to develop the onshore Vision and Sector Deal over the next 12 months.

For more information, contact [Mark](#).

Police Scotland and abnormal loads issue

Scottish Renewables, in collaboration with RenewableUK, is engaging with The Scottish Government and Police Scotland on behalf of members to form a legislative reform sub-group. The sub-group will consider which other aspects of the renewables industry would benefit from legislative change (transportation of hydrogen for example) and to undertake a cost-benefit analysis, among other matters.

Despite a temporary resurgence of Covid absences, abnormal load escorts have been progressing mostly positively with some green shoots around weekend movements in some areas. SR is continuing to work closely with our members, RUK, hauliers and The Scottish Government to liaise with Police Scotland to find solutions to this issue to ensure the movements continue to take place timely and safely.



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OFFSHORE RENEWABLES



Blog: Putting a value on Scotland's offshore wind revolution

Everyone in renewables should know by now that Scotland's energy landscape will be transformed by ScotWind.

The numbers are huge: 17 offshore wind projects, 25GW, up to £24.9 billion of planned investment into the Scottish economy.

In our [latest blog](#) we have crunched the numbers and created easily-accessible graphics to give an inside look at what ScotWind could mean for our offshore wind supply chain.

Media reaction: UK Offshore Wind Skills Intelligence Report

The Offshore Wind Industry Council recently published a [new report](#) which shows a surge in the number of people working in the UK offshore wind industry, and a substantial increase in the billions of pounds of private investment which the sector is attracting every year.

[Responding](#), Charlotte Stamper, Senior Policy Manager at Scottish Renewables, said: "The benefits to Scottish communities which stem from this will be transformational: projects which were recently awarded seabed leases have committed to invest in Scotland – and specifically in supply chain businesses – on a scale never seen before, in any industry. This investment will deliver tens of thousands of skilled jobs, allow Scottish firms to compete in the global offshore wind market and revitalise communities from the Borders to the islands."

Offshore wind consenting

SR's Offshore Enabling Group continues to meet regularly to coordinate action to address environmental constraints affecting the deployment of offshore wind in Scottish waters. We are seeing positive engagement with consenting authorities and are working with the Offshore Wind Industry Council to ensure Scottish interests are represented at a UK level.



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ECONOMICS & MARKETS



BEIS consultation on updating the CfD AR5 Supply Chain Plan questionnaire

SR has [submitted a final response](#) to BEIS' consultation on updating the CfD AR5 Supply Chain Plan questionnaire.

Our response welcomed the increased clarity and simplicity that the proposed amendments brought in certain areas. However, we suggested that particular information could be collected via a separate channel in order to streamline the SCP process ahead of the move to annual auctions. We also voiced our concern that the bespoke questionnaire placed unrealistic expectations on small floating offshore wind projects to deliver supply chain investment and that the focus of the questionnaire should instead be to incentivise innovation and the delivery of new technology.



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GRID & SYSTEMS



Scottish Renewables Response to the TNUoS Task Force Update

Scottish Renewables wrote a [letter](#) to Ofgem to raise concerns regarding the terms of reference published on the TNUoS Task Force document. The main concerns were around the long timeline to develop the task force (between 5-7 years), the exclusion of TNUoS function in a net-zero decentralised energy system, and the limited seats for renewable generators.

For further information, please contact [Angeles](#).

Call for Input on Locational Pricing Assessment – Policy Advisory Group meeting

Scottish Renewables held a Policy Advisory Group (PAG) meeting on June 15 to shape the SR response to the [call for input from Ofgem on locational pricing](#). The meeting focused on the challenges that Locational Marginal Pricing (LMP) could add to the energy system and the key factors that Ofgem should consider in the modelling.

We also submitted a [response](#) to this call for input. If members would like to discuss this in more detail, please get in touch.



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Call for Input: Future of local energy institutions and governance

SR submitted a [response](#) to the [call for input on the future of local energy institutions and governance](#). We supported the reform of local energy institutions and governance and proposed that the following key factors should be addressed: Local input to plans and targets, building local capabilities, accountability and independence, and a governance transition pathway.

If you would like to discuss this further, please contact [Angeles](#).

Consultation on Ofgem's Minded-to Decision on Anticipatory Investment and Implementation of Policy Changes

Scottish Renewables submitted a [response](#) to the [Consultation on Anticipatory Investment and Implementation of Policy Changes](#). In the response, we strongly supported the need to enable anticipatory investment (AI), with a model of risk-sharing between consumers and generators, but we required greater clarity regarding how later users delivered at different stages will pay for the AI cost gap.



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Multi-Purpose Interconnectors: Minded-to Decision on interim framework

SR submitted a [response](#) to the [consultation on Multi-Purpose Interconnectors \(MPIs\): Minded-to Decision on interim framework](#). In the response, we broadly agree with Ofgem's minded-to decision and highlighted that an Enduring Regime will need to coordinate changes to legislation, codes and methodologies in order to enable MPIs on the electricity grid.

If you would like to discuss, please [get in touch](#).

Ofgem's Minded-to Decision and further consultation on Pathway to 2030

Scottish Renewables held a Policy Advisory Group on June 9 to shape the draft response to the consultation on [Pathway to 2030](#). The meeting focused on the challenges that coordination will bring to meet the proposals from the consultation.

SR also [drafted a response](#) to this consultation and we would welcome feedback from members on this draft. Please share any comments with [Angeles](#) by Wednesday, July 13, preferably in tracked changes in Word.



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Grid & Networks Working Group Meeting

Scottish Renewables hosted the second Grid & Networks Working Group meeting on June 23. The meeting focused the discussion on the recently launched TNUoS Task Force, LMP, OTNR, and updates on announcements that we should expect in the coming months.

If you would like to discuss further, please contact [Angeles](#).

Constrained Storage Industry Workshop

Scottish Renewables, Renewable UK and NGESO hosted a second in-person workshop to discuss policy barriers and solutions for constrained storage. This workshop took place on Tuesday, June 7 at RenewableUK offices in London.



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Building Standards and Heat Networks issue

We had highlighted to the Low-Carbon Heat Forum that there is an issue with the [amended section 6 of the Scottish Building Standards](#) potentially disincentivising heat networks.

There are two issues at play here. The first is that the same energy values are being used for setting both the target and the actual building. This means that the net impact of the district heat network is zero, so by connecting to a district heat network the building developer gets no benefit over the nominal building specification.

The second issue is that when you supply heat from a district heat network the target building has its energy consumption reduced by the inclusion of solar PV in the design. This means that the building designer needs to find energy savings in their building specification from something other than the district heat network to achieve this lower specification.

We contacted both the Heat Networks Team and the Building Standards Division of The Scottish Government and have had a reply from Building Standards setting out a way forward to speak further on this issue.

We will keep the Low-Carbon Heat Forum updated as to the eventual outcome, so please ensure [you are signed up to that Forum](#) if you are interested.



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Heat Networks (Scotland) Act work packages

We attended a Scottish Government Heat Networks Working Group meeting which set out the four work packages of regulations and consultations that will be forthcoming from the Heat Networks (Scotland) Act 2021.

The work packages and timeframes of work starting are:

- Work Package 1: Building Assessment Reports and Heat Network Zoning (work beginning imminently)
- Work Package 2: Consenting and Key Network Assets (work beginning by the end of the summer)
- Work Package 3: Permitting and the Local Authority Cost Strategy (work beginning in autumn 2022)
- Work Package 4: Licensing and Powers of Licence Holders (work beginning in winter 2022/23)

Scottish Renewables has a Policy Working Group on Heat Networks which will discuss these issues and we will create short-life Policy Advisory Groups for the specific consultations.

If you would like to discuss, please [get in touch](#).

Heat Pumps update

We are waiting for the The Scottish Government response to the [final report](#) of the Heat Pump Sector Deal Expert Advisory Group, which SR was a member of.

The [response](#) will be published alongside the Heat in Buildings Supply Chain Delivery Plan which is due in September 2022.

Also expected to be published soon is The Scottish Government's Heat in Buildings Workforce Assessment which was looking at heat skills and the supply chain along with SR and Skills Development Scotland.



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Financing Green Heat Policy Working Group

The PWG recently had its second meeting with a guest speaking slot from The Scottish Government's Green Heat Finance Taskforce Secretariat. Issues discussed included the challenges and barriers encountered by members in the market regarding renewable heat projects. Members highlighted EPC reform, issues with SAP, high transmission costs, Heat as a Service being unproven, communal heating in social housing, Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategies and behavioural aspects.

Please [contact Helen](#) to discuss any of these issues or if you would like to either be involved in the group or take up a guest speaking slot.

SOLAR



Solar Forum briefing

We are working on a Solar Forum briefing which will encapsulate the issues discussed at our recent Solar Forum meeting. We had speakers from Solar Energy Scotland and members discussed what a Solar Strategy for Scotland should look like.

The briefing will be sent out to the Solar Forum soon.

Please [ensure you are signed up for the relevant Forums](#) on the SR website.

HYDROGEN



Hydrogen Innovation Scheme funding

The Scottish Government announced new funding to drive innovation within the hydrogen sector and accelerate its production and storage. The Hydrogen Innovation Scheme is a £10 million capital funding stream of the [Emerging Energy Technologies Fund](#), to be delivered over 4 years from 2022/23 – 2025/26.

[Responding](#), Helen Melone, Senior Policy Manager at Scottish Renewables, said: “Hydrogen will play a key role in our transition to the net-zero energy system we need to build to tackle climate change, and support for its production and integration into our energy system is to be welcomed.”

The Scottish Government has published [the guidance and an expression of interest form](#) for the scheme on its website.

The deadline for submission is August 13 at 5pm. Expressions of interest submitted after this deadline may still be considered but are not guaranteed to be included within the 22/23 funding window.

Email EETF@gov.scot for any enquiries.

Scottish Government Hydrogen update

We recently met with Stuart McKay, Head of Hydrogen, Scottish Government, and discussed a number of issues.

There is a concern that industry needs more support to move forward with projects confidently and that SG are keen to help where they can.

There is a need for more small to medium-scale projects where we are seeing a lot of ideas but few coming to fruition and it would be helpful to understand if there are barriers that need to be worked on.

Please ensure [you are signed up to the Hydrogen Forum](#) to receive updates on these types of conversations.



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SUPPLY CHAIN



Supply chain campaign - First Minister's Questions

Following our Supply Chain Campaign launch and engagement with MSPs a number of written parliamentary questions were submitted on the topic of Scotland's renewable energy supply chain. Read the questions and responses:

- [S6W-08866](#)
- [S6W-08867](#)
- [S6W-08868](#)
- [S6W-08869](#)
- [S6W-08870](#)
- [S6W-08871](#)

Read the Campaign: [Supporting Scotland's Renewable Energy Supply Chain](#).

If you would like to discuss, please contact [Emma](#).

Department for International Trade engagement

This month our Energy Transition and Supply Chain Manager, Emma Harrick, met with the Department for International Trade to learn about their work to support UK business and explore areas of collaboration. Other engagement this month includes: Crown Estate Scotland, The Scottish Government,

Scottish Enterprise - GlobalScot Network, SOWEC
and Industry Suppliers.



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Supply chain showcase

In the run up to the inaugural [Net-Zero Energy Transition Awards](#) we have launched a social media supply chain showcase. Over the coming months, the showcase will celebrate suppliers who are supporting the deployment of renewable energy technology across Scotland and beyond. We'll feature organisations from the Scottish Renewables' [Supply Chain Impact Statement 2021](#), including companies providing services as diverse as media production, fabrication, safety and survival, remote monitoring and environmental management.

Keep a look out on our [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#) pages for the showcase posts.

If you would like to discuss this, please contact [Emma](#).



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