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Dear Mr Lavender

I am responding on behalf of the Scottish Executive to your request for comments about the revised proposals for GB transmission charging set out in the consultation document issued on 20 December 2004.

The Executive is disappointed with what is proposed. There has previously been a lengthy period of consultation which resulted in an option which would have offered generators in Scotland some relief from the initial assessment of simply extending the current England and Wales charging methodology to Scotland. That option has now been replaced with a proposal that will see charges imposed in many areas of Scotland far above those charged elsewhere in Great Britain. We are particularly disappointed at the high locational element that has been built in to this new option and that will, if approved, result in very high charges being imposed in the remoter areas. This has the potential to deter new investment and will certainly disadvantage Scottish generators.

Yours sincerely

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