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Dear Peter

Re: Northern Ireland Assembly Renewable Electricity Generation Bill – TI LirIC Limited response

Introduction to TI and LirIC

Transmission Investment is one of the UK's leading independent transmission companies, managing one of GB's largest offshore electricity transmission portfolios. Further, Transmission Investment is a lead sponsor for new interconnectors between and within the UK and the rest of Europe.

We are currently in the procurement phase of our LirIC Interconnector Project, which will see the construction of a new HVDC sub-sea electricity interconnector between Kilroot in Northern Ireland and Hunterston in Scotland. The project will provide up to 700MW of further capacity between the Integrated Single Electricity Market (I-SEM) and the GB wholesale electricity market.

Overview

We welcome the opportunity to respond to this consultation. The Renewable Electricity Generation Bill is an important and welcome step towards supporting investment in renewable generation and achieving Northern Ireland's climate and energy objectives, including the 80% renewable electricity target set under the Climate Change Act (Northern Ireland) 2022.

We support the Bill and the establishment of the Renewable Electricity Price Guarantee (REPG) scheme. For any such scheme to remain value for money it is essential that the investment in renewable generation is accompanied by continued investment across the wider electricity system, including transmission networks and interconnection to provide a resilient route to market for the electricity produced.

A whole system approach will secure greatest value for citizens

The Department for Economy's recent Interconnector Policy Statement[1], published in August 2026 sets out the strategy and decision framework for future interconnection in Northern Ireland and was accompanied by independent analysis carried out by CEPA. The analysis highlights that further interconnection can strengthen energy security, improve system resilience, reduce renewable dispatch down and support the efficient integration of renewable generation. Crucially, it signals

[1] https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/publications/interconnection-policy-statement-policy-direction-east-west-electricity-infrastructure

that interconnection and renewable deployment are not competing objectives, but mutually reinforcing components of Northern Ireland's energy transition.

As Northern Ireland seeks to encourage investment in new renewable generation through the Renewable Electricity Generation Bill, it will be important that network and interconnection investment keeps pace to provide a route to market. Investment in renewable generation and investment in interconnection are complementary components of the same energy transition and together will help maximise value for citizens by reducing renewable dispatch down (where energy produced by supported projects cannot be used) and supporting delivery of Northern Ireland's decarbonisation and energy security objectives.

Next steps

We encourage the Assembly, and the Department, to explicitly recognise the link between interconnection and renewable deployment in future policy developments, for example the forthcoming Energy Policy Statement from the Department. A coordinated approach across these areas will help safeguard the value for citizens through the energy transition.

We hope this is useful and we would be happy to discuss any of the points made in more detail.

Your sincerely

