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RE: Consultation on SONIs draft 2020-2029 Transmission Development Plan

To UREGNI SONI; O'Boyle, Jody; Steele, Timothy

Previously Moyle submitted comments on the draft 2019-2028 Transmission Development Plan, welcoming inclusion of a project in the plan – 'Moyle 275 kV Reinforcement' in section 7.4.6 – which would permit full use of Moyle's technical 500 MW export capacity. We are pleased to see that the estimated completion of this project has moved forward by 4 years to 2024.

We agree that this project would benefit market integration, security of supply and RES integration. Interconnection has an important role to play in decarbonisation, facilitating higher penetration of renewables and (notwithstanding Brexit) maximising interconnection remains a priority across Europe, with regulatory policy requiring long-term solutions to constrained interconnector capacity.

Moyle's export capacity has historically been restricted by limitations on the GB system but these restrictions are due to be lifted from April 2022 so the NI system will be the limiting factor on Moyle exports from that point. Our understanding is that this project addresses a risk that is of low probability. To that end we suggest it may be optimal to complete a CBA before April 2022 as a probabilistic assessment may conclude that Moyle's 500MW export capacity can be facilitated even earlier than 2024.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further information.

Kind regards
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