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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Title

The British Wind Energy Association (BWEA) welcomes the opportunity to provide a written statement to Beaulieu-Denny inquiry and provides this submission on behalf of the UK wind energy industry.

BWEA was established in 1978 and is the representative body for companies active in the UK wind energy market. Its membership has grown rapidly over recent years and now stands at over 325 companies, representing 98.8% of all grid-connected wind energy now installed.

The UK has a rich variety of renewable energy resource, including 40% Europe's wind resource. Wind energy currently supplies approximately half a million homes in the UK. It is important to support and encourage the growth of the sector and associated benefits.

Scotland is the UK's renewable powerhouse, with 25% of Europe's wind resource – the only renewable technology that is capable of delivering on a large scale to meet Regional, Scottish and National renewable energy targets for 2015 and 2020. In the wider context Scotland possesses nearly three quarters of the UK onshore wind capacity currently being considered in the planning system and thus plays a vital role in securing the 2015 and 2020 UK targets.

The improving and upgrading the infrastructure and capacity in particular is critical for current and future on and off-shore wind proposals and the Beaulieu to Denny link is absolutely vital.

The BWEA wish to give the full support to the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

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