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Subject: Sea Link – Imperative Inclusion of Undersea Connections for Tidal Stream Technologies

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Dear Sea Link Case Team,

I am writing to emphasize the critical importance of incorporating undersea connections along the Sea Link cable route to support tidal stream technologies. These connections are essential for enabling tidal energy projects to operate effectively and to make a major contribution to the renewable energy capacity of the United Kingdom.

Failure to include these connections at this stage would be catastrophic for the tidal energy sector. This is a literal “make or break” decision for an industry that has the potential to provide many thousands of jobs across the UK in the coming years. Retrospectively implementing these connections would be highly problematic and costly.

Incorporating these links from the outset would not only secure the operational success of tidal energy projects but would also significantly enhance the justification for this bold and innovative underwater cable project. The Sea Link initiative represents an extraordinary opportunity to support both the UK’s renewable energy ambitions and the growth of a key green industry.

I urge the Examining Authority and the project applicant to consider the inclusion of these connections as an imperative element of the Sea Link project.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Yours sincerely,

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