

"Additional Submissions on Need Case"

We note that concurrent submissions by other Interested Parties (Stevens, Deadline 4) challenge the fundamental need case for Sea Link, identifying cheaper alternatives (OHL and reconductoring) at strategic level that satisfy N-1 principle requirements. While our submissions focus on technology and site alternatives assuming the need case is established, we support examination of whether the project represents optimal solution at strategic level.

The existence of alternatives at multiple levels (strategic, technology, site) strengthens the case for comprehensive Issue Specific Hearing on alternatives assessment as requested in this submission.