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Proposed Sea Link project

In brief:

I would like to express my concern at National Grid's seemingly flawed costing of the project and question the necessity for the Sea Link Project at Friston

The cost of the Sea Link project was originally estimated at £1.1 billion as stated during the DCO examination.

This was questioned at the time by SEAS who challenged that figure and presented evidence that the cost was likely to be circa £3.2 billion. Ofgem has now assessed Sea Link at approx £3.2 billion. How have National Grid got their figure so wrong! It is deeply concerning.

Also, it appears that there is a far more cost effective and faster way of achieving the required result at a fraction of the £3.2 billion, already submitted to you by SEAS .

A further problem is that Ofgem has identified unresolved harmonic issues which may require additional, as yet uncoded, works elsewhere

As I understand it the Sea Link project was developed round an assumed 1,852 Mw deficit at Friston, as a result of changes with Nautilus this has reduced to approx 352 Mw.

Overall, it does not seem to be a carefully thought out and costed project, ultimately it is the public who will have to pay the cost.

Yours sincerely,

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