

To:
Patrick Stewart, Clyde Fishermen's Association (CFA); and
Malcolm Morrison, Scottish Fishermen's Federation (SFF)

Cc:
Malcolm Rose, Marine Scotland

28 November 2014

Dear Patrick and Malcolm,

Ref: Licence Number 05305/14/0

Many thanks for taking the time to attend yesterday's meeting regarding the licence issued by Marine Scotland to allow the replacement of the mainland to Jura subsea cable.

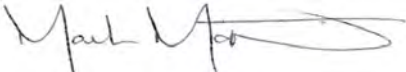
Firstly, I would like to thank you both for what I understand was a constructive discussion and I am particularly pleased to learn you both recognise the urgent need to reconnect the islands of Jura, Islay and Colonsay to the main electricity grid without further delay so that customers' supply of electricity can be secured. As was discussed at the meeting we have a suitable tidal window which would allow the cable to be installed from this coming Sunday (30 November).

I understand there were some discussions at the meeting surrounding Scottish and Southern Energy Power Distribution's (SSEPD's) commitment to honour our Cable Protection Plan post installation, as we are seeking to allow the reconnection of the islands without further delay. I would like to give you every assurance that SSEPD is fully committed to adhering to all the conditions in the licence, including carrying out the protection works in the Cable Protection Plan. As my colleagues explained to you at the meeting, we will determine what protection method(s) is most suitable following the necessary surveys, which will be carried out in the coming weeks and months. I can also confirm that SSEPD is committed to consulting with Marine Scotland and other interested parties, such as the various fisheries interests, once we have determined what protection method(s) is most suitable.

As a further way of demonstrating SSEPD's commitment to adhering fully to the conditions associated with the above licence, a copy of this letter is being placed on SSEPD's website, placing it in the public domain.

I hope this gives you and your members the necessary comfort and assurances that SSEPD remains committed to our licence obligations and I hope we can reach early agreement on our Cable Protection Plan to allow the replacement cable to be installed without further delay.

Yours sincerely



Mark Mathieson
Managing Director, Networks