SUPPLEMENTARY SUBMISSION FROM SSE

In October 2012, Highland Council confirmed it had no objections to the development of the Coire glas scheme, which will now be determined by the Scottish Ministers, and SSE has concluded that Coire glas is its preferred option for pumped storage development. That said, we have not ruled out the development of Balmacaan, which is still in development.

SSE believe pumped storage could offer significant benefits to the Great Britain electricity system in terms of capacity and flexibility, but it remains subject to:

- securing consent from the Scottish Government;
- a satisfactory public policy and regulatory framework, including the outcome of the electricity market reform proposals and the transmission charging regime changes envisaged by Ofgem’s Project TransmiT; and

All of this means that a decision on whether to construct Coire glas will not be taken before 2014 at the earliest. Therefore, providing the above points are addressed and a positive final investment decision is made, the completion of Coire glas would not be expected before the end of this decade at the earliest.

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