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Edward Mountain  
Convenor  
Net Zero, Energy & Transport Committee  
Scottish Parliament  
EH99 1SP

**Subject:** NZET Committee Meeting

Dear Mr Mountain,

We are writing to acknowledge the frustration caused by our need to excuse ourselves from this week's NZET meeting (Tuesday 3 March 2026). We offer our sincere apology for the late notice and regret the disruption to the Committee's business and the inconvenience to its members. Please be assured that we hold the Parliamentary process in the highest regard, and our absence was not a decision taken lightly, but one made in response to a fast-moving and evolving situation.

By way of clarification, we were made aware in advance of the *potential* for an announcement relating to Ferguson Marine on Friday 27 February 2026. We were advised that confirmation of any such announcement would be reflected through an update to the Parliamentary agenda on the Scottish Parliament website, either on that Friday or on the following Monday (2 March 2026).

Despite the absence of confirmation on the Scottish Parliament website, we were advised by our sponsoring Scottish Government department on Monday 2nd March that the announcement was nevertheless still intended to proceed. At that point, and in order to provide some notice, I issued correspondence advising that Ferguson Marine Port Glasgow would be unable to attend the NZET session.

Due to the gravity of the situation and ongoing discussions with our sponsoring team, we decided that the leadership team should stay on site to get ready for the announcement. This way, we could offer support to our employees when the news was shared. Our primary responsibility at that moment was to ensure our staff received timely information and appropriate support directly from us as the news emerged.

We did not receive confirmation that a Ministerial Statement would be delivered on 3 March 2026 until the morning of the session itself.

We have always operated on the understanding that significant future announcements concerning Ferguson Marine would be delivered via Ministerial Statement. As we do not have prior sight of these statements, we were unable to anticipate either the precise timing or the resulting impact on our availability to the Committee.

We are grateful for the Committee's patience and understanding, and we remain fully committed to attending the meeting on Tuesday 10 March 2026 to provide the scrutiny and transparency that the Committee and the public rightly expect.

Yours sincerely,

Graeme Thomson  
Chief Executive Officer  
Ferguson Marine Port Glasgow