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Dear Mr Banks

**MID WALES (POWYS) CONJOINED PUBLIC INQUIRY**

I refer to your e-mail of 6 February 2013 inviting comments on the letter of 4 February 2013 received from the Alliance of groups opposing the wind farms.

The Alliance letter accepts implicitly that the application by my clients CeltPower for their proposed development at Llandinam involves a grid connection which has been formulated to an extent where an environmental assessment can be undertaken.

Therefore there is no reason why the Inspector cannot proceed to hear my clients' application at the inquiry due to commence on 4 June 2013, and for the Secretary of State to determine the application thereafter, irrespective of whether it is decided to halt or adjourn the inquiry into the applications for the other 4 wind farms.

As a matter of law, it is incorrect for the Alliance letter to state (paragraph 3) that the Llandinam application "must stand or fall with the others". Each application must be determined on its own merits. The Secretary of State has set out a Statement of Matters to be considered at the inquiry. Those Matters include appropriate consideration of cumulative impact "with other wind farms in the Powys area which have already been granted planning permission or where planning permission has been applied for". Any delay in considering the other 4 wind farm applications is not therefore a competent reason for delaying a decision on the Llandinam application.

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Celtpower reserves its right to amplify and add to these comments, both at the forthcoming Pre-inquiry Meeting and in response to submissions from other parties.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Neil A Collar', with a wavy, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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