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Dear Hefin

The Mid-Wales Conjoined Wind Farms Public Inquiry

Thank you for your letter of 8 July 2013 concerning the progress of common ground discussions in connection with the mid-Wales conjoined wind farms public inquiry.

I confirm that RWE npower renewables Limited has continued to act in a co-ordinating role in respect of a statement of common ground on planning and energy policy between the six developers, Powys CC, NRW and Snowdonia NPA. To this end -

- a meeting of the parties was held on Wednesday 5 June 2013;
- a draft SoCG on planning and energy policy was circulated to the parties involved on 11 June;
- in the absence of any response, a further request for responses was issued on 17 June;
- SNPA promised a response by 21 June. None was received;
- in response to a request from Powys CC's planning consultant for clarification on a few points, received on 19 June, a response was issued on 20 June;
- NRW confirmed on 20 June that it would await sight of Powys CC's comments before responding;
- On 25 June Powys CC was asked for a response. Powys CC's planning consultant responded on the same day, confirming that comments would be forthcoming on 27 June;
- On 28 June Powys CC's planning consultant indicated that he had now received instructions from Powys CC and would respond early the following week (i.e. w/c 1 July). A response is still awaited.

Any support that PINS or the programme officer could lend to inject some momentum into the process would thus be appreciated.

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With respect to common ground relating to environmental considerations specific to the Carnedd Wen project, our client is currently arranging the distribution and advertisement of SEI. Common ground discussions will proceed once other parties have had the opportunity to review the 2013 SEI. I will keep you updated on progress.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kee Evans', written in a cursive style.

Kee Evans
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