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Dear Dr Rands,

RSE Inquiry into Energy Issues for Scotland

The British Wind Energy Association is the leading renewable energy trade association in the UK, with over 320 company members who represent the vast majority of the firms active in the wind market in this country. The Association also works closely with the Scottish Renewables Forum when dealing with Scottish issues, and this is the case with your current energy inquiry. BWEA would like to endorse SRF's submission to you, while also emphasising the importance of wind power in Scotland's energy future. Given the huge resource in Scotland, it is inconceivable that wind power will not play a vital role in the Scots energy mix. It is the only carbon-free electricity source that can be deployed in significant quantities in the coming decade, and it paves the way for the development of the nascent wave and tidal stream generating technologies, which BWEA also champions, particularly in justifying the investment in the grid infrastructure that these new forms of generation will need.

As additional background information for your inquiry, I am attaching the submission that BWEA made to the UK Government's Climate Change Programme Review earlier this year, in the hope that it will provide some extra food for thought for you.

Yours sincerely,

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