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Re.: Submission on Proposed Constraint Groups arising from SEM-11-105.

North West Wind Ltd. (NWW) owns and operate a 7.65MW windfarm outside Glenties in North West Donegal. NWW has full planning permission and a Gate 3 Grid Connection offer to build an extension of 9.4MW.

NWW welcomes the Proposed decision and in particular the fact North West Donegal (connecting direct to Cathaleens Fall via the Binbane Node) will be taken out of the Area A Constraint Group in Donegal, in 2014/15 once the uprates to the South of Cathaleens Fall is due for completion. In view of the fact that the Operational date for REFIT 2 is end of 2015, it is most important that the uprate work is not delayed beyond 2014/15.

NWW does not envisage to be able to build its extension, unless it is taken out of the Donegal Constraint Group. It is further important that when constraint and / or curtailment is operated, that correct procedures are followed and that reports on constraint of individual windfarms are generated and published to ensure full transparency. NWW understand that the information on Constraint/ Curtailment for individual windfarms is already available on the SEMO website , but quite difficult to access in particular for smaller independent generators, who has not got the resources to do so.

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