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Dear Paul,

Electricity (Applications for Consent and Variation of Consent) (Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 (2019/176)

At its meeting on 28 May the Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee discussed the instrument set out above and agreed to seek your views on the following points.

The Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment refers to the principle of “full cost recovery for all public services”. However, the document entitled “Supplementary information - assessment of costs” illustrates that the proposed fees would not fully meet the estimated costs.

The Committee has agreed to seek further information from you on how the proposed fees were arrived at and the reason for proposing fees which would not fully cover the estimated costs.

Linked to the above is the question of what period of time the revised fees will cover and when they will be revised again. The Committee would also like to know whether a system for future review has been put in place. It would be helpful if you could provide information on these points.

Finally, the Committee would like to be able to consider the proposed fees in a wider context. Would you be able to provide information on how the proposed fees in Scotland compare with those elsewhere in the UK?

I would be grateful if you could respond by close of business on Wednesday 5 June to allow the Committee to consider your response at its meeting on Tuesday 11 June.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Gordon Lindhurst". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "G" and "L".

Gordon Lindhurst MSP
Convener