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Dear Dr Jenifer Baxter,

Thank you for your correspondence of 3 August 2023, which was sent to Gillian Martin MSP, Minister for Energy and Environment. As Ministers are not always able to reply to enquiries personally, I have been asked to respond in my capacity as a member of the Scottish Government's Energy Networks and Regulation policy team.

Thank you for setting out your proposal to establish a 4 Nations Working Group on the UK Electricity Grid and Renewables Infrastructure. Scotland is fully committed to reaching net-zero emissions by 2045. We have seen huge growth in the number of renewables projects in Scotland, particularly in our onshore and offshore wind sectors in recent years. As set out in our draft Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan, the next decade will be transformative for our energy system and wider economy. However, to deliver on our ambitions, significant investment in our energy infrastructure will be required here in Scotland and across the UK. As such, we would very much welcome a discussion with you about the 4 Nations Working Group to better understand its remit, objectives and timescales for delivery.

If you could send some potential dates and times over, I can bring together the relevant people from the unit and set up a meeting to discuss the proposal in more depth.

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Yours sincerely



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