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Mr. David Naughton,  
The Commission for Electricity Regulation,  
Plaza House, Belgard Road,  
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**Re: Comments re CER proposed direction on the resumption of connection offers to wind generators published Nov 2004 (CER/04/354)**

Dear Mr. Naughton,

I refer to the above and to the ongoing delay which is being experienced in obtaining connection offers. Some Wind Energy wishes to make some comments with regard to the form and content of the proposed direction.

We would generally welcome the form and content of the proposed direction, particularly with regard to the speeding up of the overall process. With regard to this we would propose to the CER that there is another category within applications which should be considered.

The CER document in point 9 of the background makes reference to :  
*'applicants who are ready and best placed to connect in the immediate to short term, identified, prioritised, and allowed to proceed without delay.'*

Some Wind limited has a signed connection agreement for 32 MW. The 110 kV line connection and substation have received full and final planning permission. The project is expected to commence construction in March 2005. We would question the validity of the connection application being treated as a new application, given that there is a signed connection agreement in place and the additional 6MW is an extension of this agreement.

Some wind applied for an extension of 6 MW to the permitted capacity and has a code of D47. No further infrastructure would be required for this addition. Given that the project will be constructed in 2005, there is no reason to delay the additional 6 MW.

The project is very well placed to connect to the system in the short term, and as connection agreements are already in place, we would therefore respectfully request that the Commission considers adding projects which involve extensions and additions to existing infrastructure/signed connection agreements to the tier 1 list.

Yours sincerely,

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