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**By email to:** [jburke@cer.ie](mailto:jburke@cer.ie)

**Re: Response to the "Treatment of Curtailment in Tie-Break situations ", SEM-12-028**

Dear SEM Committee members,

Pigeon Top Wind Farm Ltd is a Northern Ireland registered company, incorporated 24 February 2011, comprising 20.7 MW of planning consented wind turbine generation capacity, as planned for connection to the Northern Ireland Transmission System in 2016-2017; subject to the outcome of the above referred to consultation.

We thus welcome the opportunity to respond to the SEM Committee consultation on the *Treatment of Curtailment in Tie-Break situations*.

**We support both the IWEA and NIRIG responses to this consultation** and would like to reiterate that curtailment is a critical matter to be addressed to provide a stable policy framework to allow the industry on the island to move forward. We do believe linking curtailment to firm access will result in the required level of new renewable energy not materialising, which will negatively impact the consumer and prevent Northern Ireland from reaching their 2020 renewable targets; and indeed seriously jeopardise the future of our business.

We support the position taken by both IWEA and NIRIG on the options put forward and also support the proposal to vary Option 3 ("Option 3 b"). We believe this is a solution that represents an industry compromise position which importantly meets all of what we understand as the SEM Committee key objectives and strikes the right balance between addressing the curtailment issue, thus enabling the 20.7 MW of renewables capacity of our business to attain the necessary financial investment for the construction and grid interconnection of same in contribution toward the Government and EU policy and targets. We believe the IWEA and NIRIG positions can be supported by the SEM Committee and the wider industry as well as importantly providing the least impact on the consumer.

In conclusion we would like to thank the SEM Committee for the opportunity to engage on this issue and to highlight the particular importance of this consultation given the significant implications it has for the future viability of our business and the wind sector in Northern Ireland.

Yours sincerely

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for and on behalf of Pigeon Top Wind Farm Ltd