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Dear Mr Thompson,

Thank you for meeting with my husband, John Von Spreckelsen, on the 21 December 2017 regarding the SP Energy Networks’ (SPEN) Kendoon to Tongland 132kV Reinforcement Project (‘KTR’ or ‘Project’). During the meeting it was confirmed that the quadrupling of transmission capacity was required in order to transport electricity generated from newly proposed windfarms, which have now received planning consent. I would be grateful if you would provide me with the number of pylons that will be required to connect to these new windfarms as well as their proposed sites.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my displeasure that SPEN have begun to seek approval for the expansion of the Glenlee Substation. I am deeply concerned that the expansion of the Glenlee Substation will prejudice the decision on the KTR by creating the circumstances that favour going ahead with the project. These two projects are clearly linked and should be treated as such. The Glenlee Substation project should be delayed until we have clarity about the KTR project. Can you assure me that the outcome of the decision on the KTR will not be influenced by the plans to expand the Glenlee Substation?

Finally, I am shocked to hear reports from our farm staff that SPEN employees have been accessing Slogarie Farm without my consent. These reports have caused me a great deal of distress and I think you’ll agree that this is entirely unacceptable behaviour from your staff. I want your guarantee that SPEN employees are observant of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 at all times and have at no point illegally accessed my land. I have NOT given my consent for SPEN to access my land and if I continue to receive reports of trespassing I will be forced to take matters further.

I hope you are able to address these concerns and provide me with the relevant information. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

Astrid von Sprecklesen.