Dear Sir

**AQUIND Limited – Exemption request for electricity interconnector**

It is important for the UK that we ensure proper connectivity and market competition. Electricity prices and the security of supply have been an important issue in the UK for some time and new capacity and competition in the market achieved without government subsidies would be welcome. I am therefore keen to see appropriate investment to deliver it.

Further electricity connection with the European grid can assist in this and I hope therefore it can be delivered.

Yours faithfully,

The Baroness Pidding CBE

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