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Clerk
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Re: Priorities for the Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee

Dear Sir/Madam

RWE Generation UK plc is one of the UK's largest electricity generating companies and operates a portfolio of plant using coal, gas and biomass as fuel sources. Two of its largest generating assets are in Wales; a 1560MW coal- and biomass-fired power station at Aberthaw near Barry in South Wales and a 2200MW gas-fired power station at Pembroke in West Wales. Between them these sites produce enough electricity to supply 7 million UK households, directly employ around 330 full-time staff and contribute an estimated £85 million to the Welsh economy each year. Given this position, RWE Generation UK welcomes the opportunity to comment on what the National Assembly for Wales Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee might consider during the Fifth Assembly.

Despite operating in a market that is currently quite volatile and difficult economically, RWE Generation UK remains committed to electricity generation in Wales. Sustaining our existing operations is dependent on us maintaining a highly skilled workforce; we therefore see support for engineering training and apprenticeships as vital and would suggest that one of the priorities of the Committee should be consideration of how Wales can meet the future skills requirements of business sectors such as ours.

As part of an international electricity utilities business, RWE Generation UK has to compete for investment in existing or new generation assets. As such, the Company needs the support of the Welsh Government to ensure that there is a positive environment for investment opportunities in existing or new electricity generation facilities and supporting infrastructure in Wales and that any hurdles that need to be overcome are no different to elsewhere in the

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UK or Europe. As such, we would welcome the Committee considering how the policies and initiatives of the Assembly could support future investment in the electricity generation sector in Wales.

As a Welsh Government anchor company and members of both the Haven Waterway and Cardiff Airport and St Athan Enterprise Zones, RWE Generation UK is already trying to support the Welsh Government in growing the Welsh economy. We believe that the Enterprise Zones are of value to the Welsh economy and would suggest that a priority of the Committee should be to examine how interest in the Zones could be increased further.

RWE Generation UK looks forward to supporting the Committee further during the Fifth Assembly term.

Yours faithfully



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