

“MPS MUST SEIZE ON UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT POWER SECTOR DECARBONISATION”, SAYS ALLIANCE

London, 3 June 2013 - The following 55 organisations, including major trade associations, jointly called today on Members of Parliament to vote on 4 June in favour of the amendment put forward by Tim Yeo MP and Barry Gardiner MP to introduce a target in the Energy Bill that would commit the UK to have a near carbon-free power sector by 2030 and to support the timely movement of the Bill.

We represent different parts of society but are united in the belief that the Energy Bill represents a major opportunity to put the UK firmly on track to becoming a world leading low-carbon economy, boost employment and show genuine leadership in the fight against dangerous climate change.

List of key signatories: SSE, RSA, RES, PZ Cussons, Cisco, Dong Energy, Repsol, Vestas, Mainstream Renewable Power, EDP Renewables, REpower Systems SE, Interface, Harland and Wolff, The Co-operative, Ecotricity, Seajacks, SeaEnergy, Modus Seabed Intervention, Good Energy, Triodos Bank, UK Sustainable Investment and Finance Association (UKSIF), Scottish Renewables, Renewable UK, Carbon Capture and Storage Association, Solar Trade Association, Renewable Energy Association (REA), Anaerobic Digestion & Biogas Association, Carbon Connect, Forum for the Future, RegenSW, Business in the Community, The Church of Scotland, The Methodist Church, the Baptist Union of Great Britain, the United Reformed Church, Quakers in Britain, Operation Noah, CAFOD, 10:10, National Farmers Union, Unison, the TUC, NUS, UNICEF UK, British Association for Sustainable Sport, IPPR, Association for the Conservation of Energy, RSPB, Friends of the Earth, Christian Aid, Greenpeace, Oxfam, Woodland Trust, Women’s Institute and WWF-UK.

An additional 50 organisations have also added their support to this release.

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Notes to editors

Interviews with Caroline Escott are available on request.

[1] The Energy Bill will be debated at Report Stage in the House of Commons on Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th June. Among the key issues to be debated by MPs, will be whether the UK should commit to inserting a target in the Bill (known as a ‘decarbonisation target’) that would commit the UK to have a near carbon-free power sector by 2030, as recommended by the Committee on Climate Change. A wide range of organisation across the business, faith group and NGO sector have previously called in favour of such a target.

[2] On 8 October 2012, a coalition of leading businesses called for a decarbonisation target in the Energy Bill through the Aldersgate Group:

<http://www.aldersgategroup.org.uk/asset/download/830/Carbon%20Target%20Press%20Release.pdf>.

[3] On 20th February 2013, a coalition of 40 organisations from across the business sector and civil society called for the introduction of a decarbonisation target in the Energy Bill:

http://assets.wwf.org.uk/downloads/decarb_target_joint_statement_20_feb_2013.pdf

[4] On 7 March 2013, a group of 7 leading international manufacturers called for a decarbonisation target in the Energy Bill: http://www.vestas.com/Files/Filer/EN/FINAL_Industry_letter_-_2030_target_-_7_March_2013.pdf

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