



20th March, 2019

Dear Residents of Sark,

The recent 3-month legally agreed negotiating period between SEL and Chief Pleas is now over, though the discussions may not have concluded. As Electricity Commissioner I have a duty to carry out a full technical and economic evaluation of the present power system and, from that, judge whether power prices are fair and reasonable and, if not, set a fair and reasonable price for all. I am pleased to say that I now have almost all of the information I require.

I explained in my notice of 6 February that I appointed WSP, independent consulting engineers, to undertake a valuation of SEL's electrical system. I have now received their report, concluded my initial analysis and am in the final stages of preparing a draft consultation paper for discussion. During the last month or so I have been involved in a lengthy email exchange with SEL. We have openly aired our differences and I believe that some progress has been made, although there are still areas of fundamental disagreement. However, we are agreed that pursuing these arguments through the legal route is not a sensible use of public money.

Reliable supplies of electricity are essential for modern life. It is my role to ensure that it is provided at a fair and reasonable price on Sark.

Anthony White

Commissioner