Have validated science-based carbon reduction targets with an external validation body (such as Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi)) or equivalent. Where contracts with SSE are of a significant value, this will be a requirement. In these cases, SSE will work with suppliers and contractors to support the setting of science-based targets.

% suppliers by procurement spend that have to comply with this climate-related requirement
60

% suppliers by procurement spend in compliance with this climate-related requirement
50

Mechanisms for monitoring compliance with this climate-related requirement
Supplier self-assessment
Off-site third-party verification

Response to supplier non-compliance with this climate-related requirement
Retain and engage

(C12.3) Does your organization engage in activities that could either directly or indirectly influence policy, law, or regulation that may impact the climate?

Row 1
Direct or indirect engagement that could influence policy, law, or regulation that may impact the climate:

Yes, we engage directly with policy makers
Yes, we engage indirectly through trade associations

Does your organization have a public commitment or position statement to conduct your engagement activities in line with the goals of the Paris Agreement?

Yes

Attach commitment or position statement(s)
SSE Sustainability Report 2022.pdf

Describe the process(es) your organization has in place to ensure that your engagement activities are consistent with your overall climate change strategy

SSE works to embed policies and processes that support the delivery of climate action in line with clear principles aligned to the Paris Agreement and a 1.5oC pathway. During 2021/22, SSE continued to advocate for accelerated climate action with focus on increasing deployment of renewable generation and decarbonisation of thermal generation, heat and transport.

Primary reason for not engaging in activities that could directly or indirectly influence policy, law, or regulation that may impact the climate

<Not Applicable>

Explain why your organization does not engage in activities that could directly or indirectly influence policy, law, or regulation that may impact the climate

<Not Applicable>
**Specify the policy, law, or regulation on which your organization is engaging with policy makers**

British Energy Security Strategy

**Policy, law, or regulation geographic coverage**

National

**Country/region the policy, law, or regulation applies to**

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

**Your organization’s position on the policy, law, or regulation**

Support with minor exceptions

**Description of engagement with policy makers**

SSE Renewables is a founding member of the UK Government’s Offshore Wind Acceleration Task Force which is co-chaired by the UK Energy Minister and aims to significantly reduce the planning and development time of offshore wind farms. SSE Renewables has long advocated for the UK Government to set more ambitious renewable buildout targets and streamline the planning process for offshore wind through the Offshore Wind Acceleration Task Force. In 2022, it was pleased to see the UK Government confirm targets in the British Energy Security Strategy for 50GW of offshore wind by 2030, including 5GW floating offshore wind, with a commitment to significantly cut consent time down to one year.

Recognising that increasingly ambitious targets will also have impacts on local communities, SSER is also actively participating in the government’s Offshore Transmission Network Review. The review’s objective is to ensure the transmission connections are delivered in the most appropriate way, balancing the environmental, social, and economic costs. Through this review, SSER continues to work with the government on ways to both...
SSE recognises that hydropower is Scotland's original source of renewable energy and one which has an increasingly vital role to play in our path to achieving net zero. SSER led several initiatives over the past year promoting hydropower’s critical flexibility and storage capabilities with key stakeholders and the wider public including a virtual tour of our hydro business. SSER also established the Long-Duration Electricity Storage Alliance together with other companies to work with the UK Government to develop an appropriate policy and regulatory framework to unlock potential new developments such as the 1,500MW Coire Glas pumped storage project in the Scottish Highlands. In March 2022, the Alliance hosted a roundtable with UK Energy Minister, the Rt Hon Greg Hands MP to discuss how such technologies are needed to decarbonise the power sector, ensure greater energy independence, and can be facilitated by government policy.

Details of exceptions (if applicable) and your organization’s proposed alternative approach to the policy, law or regulation
SSE supports the UK Government's increased ambition as part of its energy strategy and has pledged to create 1,000 jobs per year to 2025 in order to deliver critical net zero infrastructure including offshore wind, electricity networks and long duration storage.

Have you evaluated whether your organization’s engagement is aligned with the goals of the Paris Agreement?
Yes, we have evaluated, and it is aligned

Focus of policy, law, or regulation that may impact the climate
Electricity grid access for renewables

Specify the policy, law, or regulation on which your organization is engaging with policy makers
Transmission Network Use of System Charging (TNUoS)

Policy, law, or regulation geographic coverage
National
Description of engagement with policy makers
SSEN Transmission has been advocating for the reform of TNUoS and in 2022 it contributed to Ofgem’s TNUoS Call for Evidence Next Steps publication. This publication presented options for potential changes to the current TNUoS charging methodology. SSE hopes that Ofgem’s review will create a clearer view of network charges which will ultimately drive the delivery of vital renewable electricity projects in the most cost-effective way for energy consumers.

Details of exceptions (if applicable) and your organization’s proposed alternative approach to the policy, law or regulation
The renewable energy generated in north of Scotland will play a significant role in helping the UK Government achieve its commitment of a fully decarbonised electricity sector by 2035. To achieve this target, the cost-effective transmission of this renewable energy from areas of production to areas of high demand is crucial.

Managed by National Grid, and regulated by Ofgem, Transmission Network Use of System Charging (TNUoS) is a charge to recover the cost of the installation and maintenance of the GB transmission network. Generally, generators located closer to areas of demand pay less, with those in more remote areas paying more to transmit power onto the system. This results in higher costs for the delivery of renewable projects in the north of Scotland compared to other parts of Britain. The TNUoS methodology was devised over 30 years ago for a fossil fuel led energy system and SSEN Transmission believed it is no longer fit for purpose.

Have you evaluated whether your organization’s engagement is aligned with the goals of the Paris Agreement?
Yes, we have evaluated, and it is aligned

Focus of policy, law, or regulation that may impact the climate
Policy, law, or regulation geographic coverage
National

Country/region the policy, law, or regulation applies to
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Your organization’s position on the policy, law, or regulation
Support with no exceptions

Description of engagement with policy makers
SSE engaged with the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) on the UK Government’s Cluster Sequencing Process. Keadby and Peterhead have both been deemed eligible for evaluation as part of Phase 2 of the UK Government’s Cluster Sequencing Process. The proposed carbon capture projects — which are being jointly developed by SSE Thermal and Equinor — were submitted into the process as key emitter projects for the East Coast and Scottish Clusters respectively.

The first phase of the process saw the UK Government announce the two ‘Track 1’ clusters which will be supported to develop carbon capture and storage (CCS) infrastructure. The East Coast Cluster, which takes in the Humber and Teesside regions, was named in ‘Track 1’, with the Scottish Cluster named as a reserve cluster.

Keadby 3 Carbon Capture Power Station would plug into the shared CO2 pipelines being developed through the East Coast Cluster, with its emissions safely stored under the Southern North Sea. Peterhead Carbon Capture Power Station, on the Aberdeenshire Coast, would decarbonise Scotland’s only major thermal generation site, with the captured emissions transported and stored using pipelines being developed by the Acorn Project.

In total, the two low-carbon power stations at Keadby and Peterhead would capture up to three million tonnes of...
CO2 a year – at least 10 per cent of the UK Government's 2030 target - while providing low-carbon, flexible power to back-up renewable generation.

Have you evaluated whether your organization’s engagement is aligned with the goals of the Paris Agreement?
Yes, we have evaluated, and it is aligned

(C12.3b) Provide details of the trade associations your organization engages with which are likely to take a position on any policy, law or regulation that may impact the climate.

Trade association
Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC)

Is your organization’s position on climate change consistent with theirs?
Consistent

Has your organization influenced, or is your organization attempting to influence their position?
We publicly promote their current position

SSE works closely with trade associations and seeks to ensure that its principles on climate change align with those of the trade associations of which it is a member. SSE assessed the Global Wind Energy Council’s position on climate change and compared it against its own five key principles:
• Acknowledges the serious threat of climate change
• Net zero ambitions by 2050 at the latest
• Supports a strong carbon price
• Promotes innovation
• Seeks a just transition to net zero

SSE found that Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC) was aligned to its position on climate change. More details can be found in SSE’s Trade Associations Climate Review 2020/21 and the accompanying scope and methodology paper.

GWEC advocates for policy makers to take a true Climate Emergency approach to administrative procedures and institutions. GWEC advocates that wind power is a cornerstone of achieving net zero and powering a green recovery as a cost-competitive, resilient power source with the most decarbonisation potential per MW. The trade association aims to help the world to reach Net Zero by supporting government, associations and communities on their journeys through the Energy Transition. GWEC has also released several reports which will focus on the role of renewable energy and wind power in particular in the world’s net zero objectives.

Funding figure your organization provided to this trade association in the reporting year, if applicable (currency as selected in C0.4) (optional)

Describe the aim of your organization’s funding
<Not Applicable>

Have you evaluated whether your organization’s engagement with this trade association is aligned with the goals of the Paris Agreement?
Yes, we have evaluated, and it is aligned

Trade association
WindEurope
We publicly promote their current position

State the trade association’s position on climate change, explain where your organization’s position differs, and how you are attempting to influence their position (if applicable)
SSE works closely with trade associations and seeks to ensure that its principles on climate change align with those of the trade associations of which it is a member. SSE assessed WindEurope’s position on climate change and compared it against its own five key principles:

• Acknowledges the serious threat of climate change
• Net zero ambitions by 2050 at the latest
• Supports a strong carbon price
• Promotes innovation
• Seeks a just transition to net zero

SSE found that WindEurope was aligned to its position on climate change. More details can be found in SSE’s Trade Associations Climate Review 2020/21 and the accompanying scope and methodology paper.

WindEurope is the voice of the wind industry, actively promoting wind energy across Europe. WindEurope recognises that the power sector is the largest single contributor to global greenhouse gas emissions and swift action to fundamentally transform national energy systems and scale-up investments in renewable energy is essential in order to limit global temperature increase and reach net zero.

Funding figure your organization provided to this trade association in the reporting year, if applicable (currency as selected in C0.4) (optional)

Describe the aim of your organization’s funding
Trade association
Other, please specify (Energy Networks Association (ENA))

Is your organization’s position on climate change consistent with theirs?
Consistent

Has your organization influenced, or is your organization attempting to influence their position?
We publicly promote their current position

State the trade association's position on climate change, explain where your organization's position differs, and how you are attempting to influence their position (if applicable)
SSE works closely with trade associations and seeks to ensure that its principles on climate change align with those of the trade associations of which it is a member. SSE assessed Energy Networks Association (ENA)’s position on climate change and compared it against its own five key principles:

- Acknowledges the serious threat of climate change
- Net zero ambitions by 2050 at the latest
- Supports a strong carbon price
- Promotes innovation
- Seeks a just transition to net zero

SSE found that Energy Networks Association (ENA) was aligned to its position on climate change. More details can be found in SSE’s Trade Associations Climate Review 2020/21 and the accompanying scope and methodology paper.
Energy Networks Association (ENA) represents the companies which operate the electricity wires, gas pipes and energy system in the UK and Ireland. The ENA recognises climate change as the defining issue of our time and that energy networks will be required to play a vital role in delivering the UK’s 2050 and 2045 net-zero emissions targets.

**Funding figure your organization provided to this trade association in the reporting year, if applicable (currency as selected in C0.4) (optional)**

**Describe the aim of your organization’s funding**

<Not Applicable>

**Have you evaluated whether your organization’s engagement with this trade association is aligned with the goals of the Paris Agreement?**

Yes, we have evaluated, and it is aligned

**Trade association**

Other, please specify (Energy UK)

**Is your organization’s position on climate change consistent with theirs?**

Consistent

**Has your organization influenced, or is your organization attempting to influence their position?**

We publicly promote their current position

**State the trade association’s position on climate change, explain where your organization’s position differs, and how you are attempting to influence their position (if applicable)**

SSE works closely with trade associations and seeks to ensure that its principles on climate change align with those of the trade associations of which it is a member. SSE assessed Energy UK’s position on climate change and compared it against its own five key principles:
SSE found that Energy UK was aligned to its position on climate change. More details can be found in SSE’s Trade Associations Climate Review 2020/21 and the accompanying scope and methodology paper.

Energy UK is the trade association for the energy industry with over 100 members spanning every aspect of the energy sector. Energy UK, on behalf of the energy industry, reaffirms its commitment to tackling climate change, and taking action to support wider society and other sectors of the economy to move towards net zero emissions. The trade association encourages the energy industry to invest capital in order transform the energy system with the ambition of reaching a net zero power system in the 2030s.

**Funding figure your organization provided to this trade association in the reporting year, if applicable (currency as selected in C0.4) (optional)**

**Describe the aim of your organization’s funding**
<Not Applicable>

**Have you evaluated whether your organization’s engagement with this trade association is aligned with the goals of the Paris Agreement?**
Yes, we have evaluated, and it is aligned.

**Trade association**
Other, please specify (Renewable UK)

**Is your organization’s position on climate change consistent with theirs?**
Consistent
SSE works closely with trade associations and seeks to ensure that its principles on climate change align with those of the trade associations of which it is a member. SSE assessed Renewable UK’s position on climate change and compared it against its own five key key principles:

- Acknowledges the serious threat of climate change
- Net zero ambitions by 2050 at the latest
- Supports a strong carbon price
- Promotes innovation
- Seeks a just transition to net zero

SSE found that Renewable UK was aligned to its position on climate change. More details can be found in SSE’s Trade Associations Climate Review 2020/21 and the accompanying scope and methodology paper.

RenewableUK seeks to encourage the building of a future energy system, powered by clean electricity. It aims to ensure increasing amounts of renewable electricity are deployed across the UK and access markets to export all over the world. RenewableUK believes that delivering on climate change commitments must be put right at the heart of every Government department as a matter of urgency, with more ambitious targets for renewable energy required in order to reach net zero.

Funding figure your organization provided to this trade association in the reporting year, if applicable (currency as selected in C0.4) (optional)

Describe the aim of your organization's funding
<Not Applicable>