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MPs Urge the Government to Speed Up on CCS in the UK

The Carbon Capture and Storage Association (CCSA) welcomes the report by the Energy and Climate Change (ECC) Committee on Carbon Capture and Storage. The report examines the progress of CCS in the UK as well as setting out a number of recommendations on how to overcome barriers to deployment. In particular, the ECC Committee recommends that the Government should *“commit to a realistic but ambitious timeline for awarding support to projects both inside and outside its CCS commercialisation competition”*.

Dr Luke Warren, Chief Executive of the CCSA, commented:

“The ECC Committee’s report on CCS and its recommendations is extremely timely – and we very much share their concerns and frustrations on the substantial delay to the development of CCS in the UK.

We strongly support the recommendations of the Committee, particularly in relation to the need for speed on projects both within and outside of the CCS competition.

As well as highlighting the importance of successfully concluding the current competition we are extremely pleased to see that the Committee has identified the need for clarity surrounding the availability of CfDs for non-competition projects. There is a very real risk that, without a strong signal that these projects can access a CfD in parallel with the competition, these projects will be shelved.

There is no credible scenario for cost-effectively tackling climate change without CCS. The sooner we build the first projects, the sooner we will be on the path towards meeting this goal whilst delivering the significant benefits that a mature CCS industry can offer”.

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Notes to Editors:

1. The Energy and Climate Change Committee will publish the report of their Inquiry into CCS on the 21st May 2014. The report will be available from the Energy and Climate Change Committee's [website](#).
2. On the 24th February 2014, the Government announced the successful award of a FEED contract to the Peterhead CCS project in the CCS Commercialisation Programme. The DECC announcement can be found [here](#).
3. The White Rose CCS project was awarded a similar FEED contract on the 9th December 2013. The DECC announcement can be found [here](#).
4. The Government launched the CCS Commercialisation Programme (CCS Competition) and the CCS Roadmap on the 3rd April 2012. More information on the Government's CCS Commercialisation Programme can be found [here](#).
5. The CCS prize for the UK is significant. The ETI has estimated that without CCS, the cost of delivering a low-carbon energy mix in 2050 will increase by £30-40 billion per year.
6. On the 4th February, the CCSA and the TUC published a joint report on *The Economic Benefits of CCS in the UK*. The report concludes that CCS can reduce the wholesale electricity price by 15% by 2030, with household bills estimated to be £82 lower per year compared to scenarios where CCS is not included. The joint report can be found [here](#).
7. The Carbon Capture and Storage Association exists to represent the interests of its members in promoting the Business of Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS). The Association works to raise awareness, both in the UK and internationally, of the benefits of CCS as a viable climate change mitigation option, and the role of CCS in moving towards a low-carbon global economy.

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