

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

6th September, 2023

Proposition No. P.2023/55

Committee for the Environment & Infrastructure

ELECTRICITY STRATEGY FOR GUERNSEY

AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy M A J Helyar

Seconded by: Deputy J P Le Tocq

1. To add the following at the end of proposition 2:-

“(f) To direct the Policy & Resources Committee to commission a review of the benefits of greater collaboration between Guernsey Electricity Limited and Jersey Electricity Limited with the objective of meeting the shared electricity challenges for the Channel Islands, including any potential changes in funding and governance arrangements required; and to report the review findings to the States of Deliberation by the end of 2024.”

Rule 4(1) Information

- a) The proposition contributes to the States’ objectives and policy plans by seeking to support greater energy resilience from a joint Channel Islands perspective.
- b) In preparing the proposition, consultation has been undertaken with Members of the States of Guernsey and with the government of Jersey.
- c) The proposition has been submitted to His Majesty’s Procureur for advice on any legal or constitutional implications.
- d) The financial implications to the States of carrying the proposal into effect are neutral as funding for the review will be prioritised by the Policy & Resources Committee from within its existing resources.

Explanatory note

Sections 7 and 10 of the Policy Letter set out the clear challenges to a sustainable electricity market in Guernsey given Guernsey Electricity Limited's current model.

In addition to the points above, it is clear that greater energy resilience must be explored in closer collaboration with the Government of Jersey. The Policy Letter and the work undertaken by Siemens and PwC clearly set out the challenges for smaller jurisdictions in the current global environment, and the challenges will be more readily met by a much more collaborative approach on infrastructure and delivery.

The amendment directs the Policy & Resources Committee to undertake a review of how Guernsey Electricity Limited and Jersey Electricity Limited might work together more collaboratively, and what the benefits and challenges would be in potentially establishing a single, consolidated Channel Islands electricity business, with the aim that this may lead to greater Channel Islands energy resilience in the longer-term and better outcomes for customers.

The Policy & Resources Committee has raised this idea in its discussion with government of Jersey counterparts and is aware that they are supportive of this approach. The Policy & Resources Committee will seek to jointly commission this piece of work with the Government of Jersey.

The review should take account of the interests of Alderney and Sark through consultation, and should also include consultation with the States' Trading Supervisory Board and the Committee *for the* Environment & Infrastructure.