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INDEPENDENT LIMITED ASSURANCE REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS OF SSE PLC ON SSE PLC'S GREEN BOND AND LOAN REPORT 2026

Ernst & Young LLP ('EY') was engaged by SSE plc ('the Company', 'SSE') to perform a limited assurance engagement in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000 (Revised) to report on SSE's Green Bond & Loan KPIs (the 'Subject Matter') for the year ended 31 March 2026 presented in Appendix A. In preparing the Subject Matter, the Company applied the SSE's Green Bond & Loan Reporting Criteria as set out on [SSE.com](https://www.sse.com) (the 'Criteria').

The Subject Matter is marked up with the symbol A ([^]) within the Green Bond & Loan Report ("the Report"). Other than as described in the preceding paragraph we did not perform assurance procedures on any other information included in the Report, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or conclusion on any information, other than the sustainability metrics marked with the symbol A.

The Subject Matter consists of:

- Total actual capex spend
- Allocation of bond & loan proceeds
- Load related capex
- Capacity fully operational
- Qualifying capacity
- Qualifying output
- Qualifying emissions avoided

Conclusion

Based on the procedures performed and evidence obtained, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the Subject Matter is not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Criteria.

Basis for our conclusion

We conducted our engagement in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 (Revised), Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information, as promulgated by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB) and the terms of our engagement letter dated 29 April 2026 as agreed with SSE plc.

In performing this engagement, we have applied International Standard on Quality Management ('ISQM') 1 *Quality Management for Firms that Perform Audits or Reviews of Financial Statements, or Other Assurance or Related Services engagements*, which requires that we design, implement and operate a system of quality management including policies or procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

We have maintained our independence and other ethical requirements of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales ('ICAEW') Code of Ethics (which includes the requirements of the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants ('IESBA')). We are the independent auditor of the Company and therefore we will also comply with the independence requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard as applied to listed public interest entities.

Responsibilities of the Company

The Subject Matter needs to be read and understood together with the Criteria. The directors of the Company are solely responsible for:

- the selection of the Subject Matter to be assured;
- selecting suitable Criteria against which the Subject Matter is to be evaluated and ensuring the Criteria is relevant and appropriate;
- preparing and presenting the Subject Matter in accordance with the Criteria; and
- designing and implementing internal controls and other processes they determine is necessary, to enable the Subject Matter to be free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Responsibilities of Ernst & Young LLP

It is our responsibility to:

- plan and perform the engagement to obtain limited assurance in respect of whether the Subject Matter has not been prepared in all material respects in accordance with the Criteria;
- form an independent conclusion on the basis of the work performed and evidence obtained; and
- report our conclusion to the directors of the Company.

Our approach

We conducted our engagement in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 (Revised), Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information, as promulgated by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB).

Those standards require that we plan and perform our engagement to express a conclusion on whether we are aware of any material modifications that need to be made to the Subject Matter in order for it to be in accordance with the Criteria, and to issue a report.

The procedures performed in a limited assurance engagement vary in nature and timing from, and are less in extent than for, a reasonable assurance engagement. Consequently, the level of assurance obtained in a limited assurance engagement is substantially lower than the assurance that would have been obtained had a reasonable assurance engagement been performed. Our procedures were designed to obtain a limited level of assurance on which to base our conclusion and do not provide all the evidence that would be required to provide a reasonable level of assurance.

Although we considered the effectiveness of management's internal controls when determining the nature and extent of our procedures, our assurance engagement was not designed to provide assurance on internal controls. Our procedures did not include testing controls or performing procedures relating to checking aggregation or calculation of data within IT systems.

A limited assurance engagement consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for preparing the Subject Matter and related information and applying analytical and other appropriate procedures.

Because a limited assurance engagement can cover a range of assurance, the detail of the procedures we have performed is included below, so that our conclusion can be understood in the context of the nature, timing and extent of procedures we performed:

- Inquiries of management and performed walkthroughs to gain an understanding of SSE's processes to capture, collate, aggregate, validate and source the data required to generate the Subject Matter in-scope for assurance
- Identified the risk of material misstatement for each key performance indicator and/or metric in the Subject Matter and designed analytical or substantive procedures responsive to the risk assessment, to obtain sufficient appropriate evidence to form our conclusion over the Subject Matter
- Performed analytical procedures over the quantitative elements of the Subject Matter, including consideration of trends, to identify potential anomalies within the Subject Matter and obtain management explanations for any anomalies

- Obtained an understanding of SSE's methods for developing estimates and assessed whether they are appropriate and have been consistently applied in the preparation of the Subject Matter. We considered data and trends, however our procedures did not include testing the data on which the estimates are based or separately developing our own estimates against which to evaluate management's estimates;
- Obtained an understanding of the assumptions used by management, obtained explanations for the rationale and assessed whether the assumptions used are appropriate and have been consistently applied in the preparation of the Subject Matter; and
- Read the other information in SSE's Green Bond & Loan Reporting ('the Report') to identify any material inconsistencies between the other information and the Subject Matter or any material misstatements of fact in the other information. We also performed such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

Inherent limitations

Non-financial information is subject to more inherent limitations than financial information, given the characteristics of the underlying subject matter. Because there is not yet a large body of established practice upon which to base measurement and evaluation techniques, the methods used for measuring or evaluating non-financial information, including the precision of different techniques, can differ, yet be equally acceptable. This may affect the comparability between entities, and over time.

Our conclusion is based on historical information and the projection of any information or conclusions in the attached report to any future periods would be inappropriate.

Use of our report

This report is produced in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 29 April 2026, solely for the purpose of reporting to the directors of SSE plc in connection with the Subject Matter for the period ended 31 March 2026.

Those terms permit disclosure on SSE's website, solely for the purpose of SSE plc showing that it has obtained an independent assurance report in connection with the Subject Matter.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's directors as a body, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusions we have formed. This engagement is separate to, and distinct from, our appointment as the auditor to the Company.

Ernst & Young LLP

London

1 September 2026

Appendix A

Description	Units	Amount
Load related capex ¹	£m	1,774.8

KPI Description	Units	Amount per Green Bond								
		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Total actual capex spend ¹	£m	1,198.4	1,361.9	2,692.0	2,418.1	2,418.1	2,692.0	2,692.0	2,418.1	1,934.2
Allocation of bond & loan proceeds	£m	591.4	350.0	500.0	543.9	639.8	500.0	801.9	505.1	647.7
Capacity fully operational	MW	1,446.0	N/A	N/A	5,257.0	5,257.0	N/A	N/A	5,257.0	N/A
Qualifying capacity	MW	1,332.0	2,695.3	6,407.7	2,549.0	2,549.0	6,407.7	6,407.7	2,549.0	6,990.0
Qualifying capacity	MVA	-	2,939.0	5,769.0	-	-	5,769.0	5,769.0	-	696.0
Qualifying output ²	MW/MVA	356.3	N/A	N/A	2,235.0	2,235.0	N/A	N/A	2,235.0	N/A
Qualifying emissions avoided ²	tCO2e	66,465.9	N/A	N/A	407,445.5	407,445.5	N/A	N/A	407,445.5	N/A

KPI Description	Units	Amount per Green Loan	
		1	2
Total actual capex spend ¹	£m	1,934.2	1,934.2
Allocation of bond & loan proceeds	£m	500.0	150.1
Capacity fully operational	MW	N/A	N/A
Qualifying capacity	MW	6,990.0	6,990.0
Qualifying capacity	MVA	696.0	696.0
Qualifying output ²	MW/MVA	N/A	N/A
Qualifying emissions avoided ²	tCO2e	N/A	N/A

¹ Please see refer to the footnotes within the Green Bond Report for the years that the capex relates to for each green bond/loan

² Relates to FY25-26 output and emissions avoided only