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Email: information.rights@ofgem.gov.uk

Date: 24 January 2025

Dear The Sovereign Nation of Shetland,

Request reference number: FOI2025/00112

Thank you for your email of 21 January in which you requested the following information:

"1) Do you accept The Laws of Scotland, Stair Memorial Encyclopaedia as a binding authority in Scotland? and 2) we believe we are correct in thinking that the Crown's sovereignty in Scotland is the same as its allodial ownership; and 3) we believe we are correct in thinking that, for the Crown to have sovereignty in Shetland, it must have allodial ownership of Shetland; and 4) in order for your organisation to have the authority to operate in Shetland, it must be proved that Shetland is part of Scotland, in which case do you dispute 2) and 3) above?"

Firstly, I would like to apologise for our response requesting a named individual for your request. We accept that a request can be made by an organisation as well as a specific individual.

We have therefore considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("FOIA").

I can confirm that Ofgem **does not hold information** relating to whether an individual area or region is part of Scotland, and therefore we are unable to provide the information you have requested.

Advice and assistance

As noted in the response provided by our Consumer Affairs team, Ofgem is the regulator for the retail gas and electricity market in Great Britain. Ofgem's role and responsibilities were established under UK legislation by the Utilities Act 2000 and Ofgem consider Shetland to be a part of Great Britain.

Please note that an FOIA request must be for recorded information held by a public authority and Ofgem are unable to comment on legal matters that are outside its remit. For information on the basis of the constitutional status of Shetland we would suggest contacting the Scottish Government at <https://www.gov.scot/about/contact-information/>.

Your Rights

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. You must contact us for a review no later than 40 working days after the date of this letter. If you require an internal review, please contact us at information.rights@ofgem.gov.uk or by writing to us at 10 South Colonnade, Canary Wharf, London E14 4PU.

If you are not content with the outcome of the review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

<http://www.ico.org.uk/>

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,

Bryan Thomas
Information Rights and Correspondence Officer