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CANDIDATE CONCERN AT RESERVOIR FIRM'S BID FOR EXPANSION

Julie Morgan , Labour candidate for Cardiff North in the Welsh Assembly elections, has expressed concern that the UK's second largest electricity distribution business could be sold to the company behind plans to redevelop Llanishen Reservoir.

Pennsylvania Power and Light Corporation (the parent company of Western Power Distribution which owns Llanishen Reservoir) is bidding for E.ON UK's electricity distribution business based in central England.

Julie Morgan said:

"It would send the wrong message to PPL were it to be allowed to expand in the UK when it is still involved in such a bitter dispute with environmentalists, local community groups and various government agencies.

"PPL continues to impose huge financial and personal costs on local residents and taxpayers in Wales in its determination to bulldoze Llanishen reservoir."

She concluded:

"I have now written to E.ON and to Ofgem, the industry regulator, to warn them about PPL's poor record on stakeholder relations and its tarnished reputation in Wales. E.ON must distance itself from such dreadful behaviour and I urge them to take into account PPL's track record in Wales when selecting a successful bidder."

Earlier this month, Julie Morgan revealed that she has been in dialogue with the 15 largest investors in PPL Corp., encouraging them to raise the issue with the PPL Board and broker a resolution to the long running dispute.

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