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Our Ref: 003/OW/BOWL - 8

4th December 2015

Dear Mr Wilson,

**CONSENT UNDER SECTION 36 THE ELECTRICITY ACT 1989 (AS AMENDED) TO
CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE THE BEATRICE OFFSHORE WIND FARM, OUTER MORAY
FIRTH.**

CONDITION 5 – Turbine Parameters

Thank you for your letter of 26th November 2015 (Ref. LF000005-LET-289) presenting the revised Collision Risk Modelling (“CRM”) with input parameters for the Siemens 7 MW wind turbine described in the Design Specification and Layout Plan (DSLPL) (Revision 2, issued 19/11/2015).

Marine Scotland Licensing Operations Team (“MS-LOT”), on behalf of the Scottish Ministers, have consulted with Marine Scotland Science and are content that The Company have demonstrated that the proposed alterations to the parameters in condition 5, taken together with the decreased number of turbines, that the estimated annual collision mortality rate of the East Caithness Cliffs Special Protection Area (“ECC SPA”) great black-backed gull population will be substantially lower. MS-LOT can therefore confirm that the proposed development falls within the range permissible on the basis of allowed impacts on the ECC SPA population of great black backed gulls.

As per condition 5, this letter confirms the Scottish Ministers are satisfied with the outputs of the CRM’s, permitting BOWL to proceed with the proposed installation of 84 Siemens 7 MW turbines.

Yours sincerely,

Nicola Bain
Marine Scotland Licensing Operations Team