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Dear Mrs Royle,

ELECTRICITY ACT 1989

Condition 12 – Piling Strategy

MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010, PART 4 MARINE LICENSING

Offshore Transmission Works Marine Licence – Condition 3.2.2.5

Thank you for your correspondence of 14th September 2017 providing the ‘*Description of Acoustic Deterrent Devices and Passive Acoustic Monitoring System in use during the Phased Piling Mitigation Strategy*’ (Document Reference: LF000005-TCN-384) regarding the reporting associated with the implementation of the Phased Piling Mitigation Strategy (“PPMS”) period during construction (Document Reference: LF000005-LET-658).

The PPMS (Revision 3.0, Document Reference: LF000005-PLN-177) required the submission of any raw observational data (not already provided under ongoing reporting requirements) and a report summarising the observations made. The PPMS also required that BOWL propose a meeting with Marine Scotland Licensing Operations Team (“MS-LOT”) and Marine Scotland Science (“MSS”) no later than 3 working days before the end of Stage 2 of the PPM period to review the data collected to date and the summary report. I can confirm that our meeting of 24th October 2017, correspondence of 14th September 2017 and the submission of regular PS-PPMS Compliance Reports and Marine Mammal Recording Forms fulfilled these requirements.

Section 13 of the BOWL Piling Strategy (Revision 5.0, March 2017, Document Reference: LF000005-PLN-142) requires the submission of a final ‘Piling Report’ to MS-LOT on completion of the construction works, including;

- A compilation of field records gathered by the ADD Operators;
- A piling profile for each pile installed;
- Details of soft-start procedures;

- Details of maximum hammer energy used; and
- The duration of impact piling at each pile location, to enable comparison against the Piling Strategy.

MS-LOT can confirm that the approach to drafting this report outlined in our meeting of 24th October 2017 meets the requirements outlined in the Piling Strategy. MS-LOT can therefore, confirm that no additional information is required to be included within the final Piling Report and note the anticipated submission of this report in January 2018.

Please note that this letter corrects and replaces a previous version issued on 29th November 2017.

Yours sincerely,

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Marine Scotland Licensing Operations Team