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Attn: Alexander Ford, Marine Renewables Casework Manager

1 August 2012

Dear Sirs

**The Marine (Scotland) Act 2010**

**The Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009**

**The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007**

**Moray Offshore Renewables Limited: Offshore Transmission Infrastructure – Application for a Marine Licence**

Moray Offshore Renewables Limited (MORL) is a joint venture company with 67% owned by EDPR UK and 33% by Repsol Nuevas Energias UK. The purpose of MORL is to develop, design, finance, construct and operate offshore wind farm projects within the Moray Firth Round 3 Zone. MORL hereby submits, for the offshore transmission infrastructure associated with the proposed Telford, Stevenson and MacColl offshore wind farms, an application for a Marine Licence pursuant to Section 20 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 and Sections 65 and 66 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 for the deposit of substances and objects and the construction, alteration or improvement of works within the Scottish Marine Area and Scottish Offshore Region in relation to the offshore transmission works.

Subject of the Application – MORL Offshore Transmission Infrastructure

The proposed offshore transmission infrastructure will connect the Telford, Stevenson and MacColl offshore wind farms to the proposed onshore transmission infrastructure and ultimately the National Grid. The infrastructure will be partially located within the Scottish Offshore Region (as defined in the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009) and partially within the Scottish Marine Area (as defined in the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010).



The offshore transmission infrastructure comprises:

- a. Up to six offshore substation platforms (OSPs) with an indicative structure width and length of 100m x 100m and a maximum height above LAT of 70 m;
- b. Up to two AC to DC offshore converter platforms (AC/DC OSPs) with an indicative structure width and length of 100m x 100m and a maximum height above LAT of 70 m;
- c. 220 kV inter-platform cabling; and
- d. DC 320kV export cabling of approximately 105 km running from the AC/DC OSPs to the cable jointing pit at the Fraserburgh Beach landfall.

It is possible that some OSPs will be located within the boundaries of the Telford, Stevenson and MacColl offshore wind farms and others may be located outwith the wind farm boundaries (but within 2 km of the boundaries).

#### Documentation Enclosed and Application Fee

MORL has been in regular correspondence with Marine Scotland – Licensing Operations Team (MS-LOT) regarding compliance with MS-LOT’s checklist for submission.

The application documents submitted consist of the following:

- 5 Copies of this letter;
- 5 Copies of the Marine Licence Application Form and Supporting Maps/Co-ordinates;
- 5 Copies of the Environmental Statement and Associated Maps;
- 5 Copies of the Non-Technical Summary;
- 5 Copies of the Planning Statement;
- 5 Copies of the Confidential Appendix;
- 5 Copies of the Environmental Statement Book Map and Guide;
- 5 Copies of the Adverts; and
- 11 CDs containing electronic versions of the above documents.

Fees for the sum of £31,020 for the Marine Licence for the offshore transmission infrastructure have been submitted electronically to the Scottish Government.

#### Related Applications

Separate Marine Licences and Section 36 consents under the Electricity Act 1989 are sought in relation to the Telford, Stevenson and MacColl offshore wind farms. The five copies of the Environmental Statement, Non-Technical Summary, Planning Statement, Confidential Annex, ES Book Map and Guide and CD submitted in support of this application will also support the applications for the Telford, Stevenson and MacColl offshore wind farms.

The onshore transmission works associated with the wind farms will be subject to a separate application for planning permission under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997.



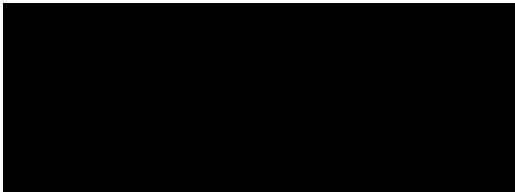
Public Notices

Notice of this application will be placed in local newspapers, the Edinburgh Gazette for a two period and in the Scotsman for a two week period. A copy of the application, with a plan showing the area to which it relates, together with a copy of the Environmental Statement discussing the Company's proposals in more detail and presenting an analysis of the environmental implications will be available for public inspection at the following places:

The Highland Council Planning Office Glenurquhart Road Inverness IV3 5NX	Moray Council Planning Office High Street Elgin IV30 1BX
Caithness Planning Office The Highland Council Market Square Wick KW1 4AB	Peterhead Planning Office Aberdeenshire Council Arbuthnot House Peterhead AB42 1DA
Helmsdale Library and Service Point Dunrobin Street Helmsdale KW8 6JX	Buckie Library Cluny Place Buckie AB56 1HB
Golspie Service Point Olsen House Main Street Golspie KW10 6RA	Brora Library Gower Street Brora Highland KW9 6PD

We look forward to hearing from you in relation to the formal acceptance of the Application. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of any assistance.

Yours faithfully,



Dan Finch  
**MORL Project Director**