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Attn: Alexander Ford, Marine Renewables Casework Manager

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Dear Sirs

Electricity Act 1989

The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2000

The Electricity (Application for Consent) Regulations 1990

The Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009

The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007

MacColl Offshore Windfarm Limited: Application for Consent to construct and operate MacColl Offshore Wind Farm

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. Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) have been established to consent, construct, operate and maintain the offshore wind farm sites within the Zone. The SPV, MacColl Offshore Windfarm Limited, hereby submits, for the MacColl Offshore Wind Farm in the Outer Moray Firth, an application for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 for the construction and operation of an offshore generating station ('Section 36 consent').

Subject of the Application – MacColl Offshore Wind Farm

The proposed Wind Farm is situated approximately 28 km (15 nm) from the Caithness coastline, at the closest point, and lies within the Scottish Offshore Region (as defined in the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009).



The Wind Farm comprises:

- a. Up to 139 wind turbine generators capable of generating a maximum total capacity of 500 MW, spaced no less than 600 m apart with a maximum height to blade tip of 204 (from LAT) and a minimum blade clearance of 22 m (from HAT);
- b. Inter-array cables;
- c. Up to one meteorological mast; and
- d. All foundations, substructures, fixtures, fittings, fixings, and protections.

Power will be exported to the National Grid at the existing Peterhead power station. Some elements of the offshore transmission infrastructure may be located within the MacColl Offshore Wind Farm boundaries, but will be covered by a separate Marine Licence application.

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 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;
- 5 Copies of the Marine Licence Application Form and Supporting Maps/Co-ordinates; and
- 11 CDs containing electronic versions of the above documents.

Fees for the sum of £30,000 for Section 36 consent and £31,020 for the Marine Licence for MacColl Offshore Wind Farm have been submitted electronically to the Scottish Government.

Related Applications

In addition to the application for Section 36 consent, a Marine Licence application pursuant to Part 4 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 Offshore Region in relation to the wind farm has been submitted.

A separate Marine Licence application has been submitted under Part 4 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 and Part 4 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 in relation to the offshore transmission works associated with the MacColl Offshore Wind Farm.



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

MacColl Offshore Windfarm Limited is also applying to be a licence holder under Section 6 of the Electricity Act 1989.

Separate Section 36 consent applications and Marine Licence applications have been submitted to Marine Scotland in relation to Telford Offshore Wind Farm and Stevenson Offshore Wind Farm both of which will be situated within the Moray Firth Round 3 Zone. The five copies of the Environmental Statement, Non-Technical Summary, Planning Statement, Confidential Appendix, ES Book Map and Guide and CD submitted in support of this application will also support the Section 36 applications for Telford Offshore Wind Farm and Stevenson Offshore Wind Farm.

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 made 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