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Date: 6 July 2015

RE: Forthwind Offshore Wind Demonstration Project, Methil, Fife - Applications for Section 36 consent, Section 36A consent, Marine Licence consent, and associated deemed planning

Dear Adrian,

Forthwind Ltd has been granted rights by The Crown Estate to develop an offshore wind Demonstration Project in the Firth of Forth. In accordance with the following legislation:

ELECTRICITY ACT 1989

THE ELECTRICITY WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT)(SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2000

MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010

THE MARINE WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2007

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Forthwind Ltd is seeking Section 36, section 36A and Marine Licence consent to construct and operate a wind farm in the Firth of Forth approximately 1.5 km from the coast of Methil (56°10'24.07"N; 003°01'19.06"W). This application also seeks deemed planning for the required onshore infrastructure associated with the development. The infrastructure for the Development will include:

- Two Demonstration offshore wind turbines each with an installed capacity of up to 9MW. Each turbine will have 2 blades with a maximum turbine hub height of 121m above Lowest Astronomical Tide (LAT), including the jacket, with a maximum height to blade tip of up to 198.5 above LAT;
- Construction of turbine foundations
- Grid infrastructure including the installation of a subsea cable which will connect the demonstration turbines to shore;
- A transformer station located at the landfall location on the Fife Energy Park; and



- Associated infrastructure, including communications and welfare facilities.

Documentation Enclosed and Application Fee

Forthwind Ltd has provided the following information in compliance with Marine Scotland's checklist for submission:

- Forthwind Offshore Application Covering Letter (this letter).
- Marine Licence Application form for the Forthwind Demonstration Project.
- An electronic copy of the Fortwind Demonstration Project Environment Statement; comprising of:
 - Volume 1: Environment Statement
 - Volume 2: Figures and Visualisations
 - Volume 3: Technical Appendices
- Project Drawings, Maps and Charts (contained within Volume 2: Figures and Visualisations)
- Method Statement (contained within Section 3.6 Construction and Installation Methods of Volume 1: Environment Statement).
- A copy of the public notice associated with this application, which will be advertised in the following publications:
 - The Herald (publication date 9 and 16 July 2015)
 - The East Fife Mail (publication dates 15 and 22 July 2015)
 - The Edinburgh Gazette (publication date 9 and 16 July 2015)

A declaration is sought from the Scottish Ministers under Section 36A extinguishing rights of navigation during construction (500m exclusion safety zone around construction works) for the Forthwind Demonstration Project.

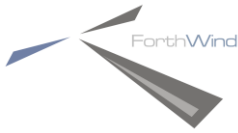
The Section 36 and 36A consents are required for the operational life of the Demonstration Offshore wind farm. A Navigation Risk Assessment is presented in the Technical Appendices of the supporting Environment Statement (A15.1 Navigational Risk Assessment) and provides the information needed to enable the Scottish Ministers to undertake the process specified in Section 36B (1) and (2) of the Electricity Act 1989.

Additional Application Requirements

1. Environmental Impact Assessment

Pursuant to the requirements of the Marine Works(Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007 (the '2007 Regulations') and the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) of the Projects (including the Transmission Infrastructure Assets) has been undertaken. The results of the EIA process are set out in the ES submitted with the applications.

2. Habitats Regulations Assessment



The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010, the Conservation (Natural Habitats &c.) Regulations 1994 and the Offshore Marine Conservation (Natural Habitats &c.) Regulations 2007 require the potential of a development to significantly impact a European site or a European Offshore site, as defined to be assessed. If a likely significant effect is determined then an Appropriate Assessment should be undertaken by the competent authority, in this case Marine Scotland on behalf of the Scottish Ministers.

Necessary data to support an Appropriate Assessment may be found within the Environmental Statement. In addition, data pursuant to the above regulations is provided in Volume 3 (Technical Appendices) of the Environment Statement in A7.1 Habitats Regulation Assessment Appendix to enable Marine Scotland to undertake the required assessment.

3. Amenity Duties under the Electricity Act 1989

Prior to granting consent under Section 36 of the 1989 Act the Scottish Ministers must have regard to preserving natural beauty, conserving flora, fauna and geological and physiographical features of special interest.

The Environmental Statement contains the information required to enable the Scottish Ministers to have regard to these features and to allow them to comply with their statutory obligations.

This application and supporting documentation is available in electronic format online on the following website: www2-benergy.com.

I trust that the documentation provided meets with your requirements and we look forward to receiving your formal acceptance of the Application. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marc Murray", written over a light grey rectangular background.

Marc Murray

Project Manager

For and on behalf of Forthwind Ltd.