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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 presenting the Collision Risk Modelling (“CRM”) with input parameters for alternative turbine types that are under consideration by Beatrice Offshore Windfarm Limited (“BOWL”), at a meeting on 17th July 2014.

Marine Scotland Licensing Operations Team, on behalf of the Scottish Ministers, have consulted with Marine Scotland Science and can confirm that the proposed alternations to the parameters in condition 5, taken together, for each turbine type under consideration, will not increase the predicted annual collision mortality rate of the East Caithness Cliffs Special Protection Area great black-backed gull population above a predicted 7 per annum.

As per condition 5, this letter confirms the Scottish Ministers are satisfied with the outputs of the CRM’s, permitting BOWL to proceed in their selection of either of the two proposed alternative turbines types.

Yours sincerely

Alexander Ford
Marine Scotland Licensing Operations Team