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Dear Mr Wilson,

CONSENT UNDER SECTION 36 THE ELECTRICITY ACT 1989 (AS AMENDED) AND A MARINE LICENCE UNDER PART 4 OF THE MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010 AND MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009 TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE THE BEATRICE OFFSHORE WIND FARM AND TRANSMISSION WORKS, OUTER MORAY FIRTH.

Thank you for your correspondence dated 13th January 2016 detailing the events leading to BOWL meeting the requirements of condition 3 of the Section 36 Consent and condition 3.2.2.2. of the Offshore Transmission Works (OfTW) Marine Licence (licence number: 04461/14/1), both relating to the Decommissioning Programme (DP), as provided below:

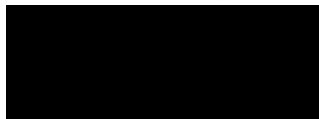
- BOWL issued the first draft of the DP to DECC on 10th September 2015;
- DECC confirmed they were content the DP was issued for informal consultation on the same day (10th September);
- BOWL commenced the 30 day informal consultation on 18th September (as specified in the Decommissioning Notice dated 15th October 2014);
- BOWL issued the final DP to DECC (Ref. LF000005-PLN-146 Beatrice Decommissioning Programme V02 18-11-15) on 18th November;
- DECC confirmed that they commenced the formal consultation which is led by DECC on 20th November.

Further to this BOWL issued the confidential Annex to the Decommissioning Programme setting out the financial security arrangements in place to ensure sufficient funds are available for decommissioning activities on 30th October 2015. DECC confirmed in an email that they issued it to Marine Scotland on 3rd November.

Condition 3 of the Section 36 Consent and condition 3.2.2.2. of the Offshore Transmission Works (OfTW) Marine Licence do not specify that the DP needs to be approved before the conditions are discharged, but rather that BOWL needs to issue the DP to DECC in compliance with the Decommissioning Notice.

Therefore, Marine Scotland Licensing Operations Team ("MS-LOT"), on behalf of the Scottish Ministers, can confirm that the events detailed above regarding the DP fulfil the requirements of, and are sufficient to discharge condition 3 of the Section 36 Consent and condition 3.2.2.2. of the Offshore Transmission Works (OfTW) Marine Licence (licence number: 04461/14/1)

Yours sincerely,



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