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Dear Mrs Royle,

ELECTRICITY ACT 1989

**MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010 & MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009, PART 4
MARINE LICENSING**

Thank you for your correspondence of 23rd November 2017, titled '*BOWL Operations and Maintenance Programme (OMP) Scoping*' (Document Reference: LF000005-LET-670), requesting approval from the Marine Scotland Licensing Operation Team ("MS-LOT") of Beatrice Offshore Windfarm Limited's ("BOWL") proposal for submitting the Operations and Maintenance Programmes ("OMP"), in fulfilment of the following conditions:

- Offshore Transmission Works (OfTW) Marine Licence (Licence Number: 04461/16/0) – Condition 3.2.3.2
- Offshore Wind Farm (OWF) Marine Licence (Licence Number: 04462/17/12) – Condition 3.2.3.6
- Section 36 Consent – Condition 17

You have advised that from approximately July 2018 BOWL plan to commission the first Offshore Transmission Module ("OTM"), and from that time and until final commissioning of the Development is completed in Quarter 2 of 2019, there will be concurrent Operation & Maintenance ("O&M") and construction activities on site. In addition, you have confirmed that BOWL intend to commence the transmission asset sale to an Offshore Transmission Operator ("OFTO") upon final commissioning in April 2019, with the full transfer of assets expected to be concluded in Quarter 3 2020.

You have proposed that separate OMPs will be provided for the OfTW and OWF Marine Licences, to reflect the proposed division of ownership for the two assets, these will be provided to MS-LOT in two stages:

- Stage 1 – The two OMPs will provide a framework for O&M, however between the first commissioning, planned in July 2018 and the final commissioning, planned in April 2019, approved construction post-consent plans will continue to apply in conjunction with the OMPs. O&M activities will be carried out concurrently at this time.
- Stage 2 – BOWL will then revise the two OMPs prior to final commissioning, incorporating the relevant O&M elements of certain construction post-consent plans, including the O&M

Environmental Management Plan (“EMP”) (as required by Condition 15 of the Section 36 Consent and Condition 3.2.1.2 of the OfTW Marine Licence). The revised OMPs will form (as far as possible) single source documents that encompass the relevant provisions contained within a number of the approved post consent plans. By adopting this approach BOWL are seeking to focus on operational compliance via the OMPs with no residual reliance on other post consent plans.

The proposed timescale for submission of the OSPs (both Stages 1 and 2) fulfils the timeframe requirements set out in the relevant conditions. The proposed outline structure of the OMPs includes the content requirements set out in Condition 3.2.3.2 of the OfTW Marine Licence and Condition 17 of the Section 36 Consent.

You also confirm that the Stage 2 OMPs will encompass the provisions relating to O&M activities included in a number of post-consent plans (including; the Vessel Management Plan (“VMP”), Navigational Safety Plan (“NSP”), OWF Cable Plan (“CaP”), OfTW CaP, Lighting and Marking Plan (“LMP”), Traffic and Transportation Plan (“TTP”), Commercial Fisheries Mitigation Strategy (“CFMS”) and Marine Pollution Contingency Plan (“MPCP”). Furthermore, you state that the O&M EMP will be included within the revised OMPs and that the Project Environmental Management Plan (“PEMP”) will remain as a standalone document. This proposed approach covers the requirements for consistency with other post-consent plans required in Condition 3.2.3.2 of the OfTW Marine Licence and Condition 17 of the Section 36 Consent.

MS-LOT can confirm that the approach to developing the Operations and Maintenance Programmes outlined in your letter of 23rd November 2017 meets the requirements set out in Condition 3.2.3.2 of the OfTW Marine Licence, Condition 3.2.3.6 of the OWF Marine Licence and Condition 17 of the Section 36 Consent.

MS-LOT can also confirm that, once the OMPs are revised prior to full commissioning (as per Stage 2), all other consent plans will cease to apply (save for the Decommissioning Programme, PEMP, Television and Radio Reception Mitigation Plan and Marine Archaeological WSI and PAD). MS-LOT also confirm that the submission of revised OMPs (as per Stage 2) will be sufficient to fully discharge the requirements of Condition 15 of the Section 36 Consent and Condition 3.2.1.2 (EMP) of the OfTW Marine Licence.

Therefore, please accept this letter as formal confirmation that MS-LOT, on behalf of the Scottish Ministers, approve the proposals put forward by BOWL in your correspondence of 23rd November 2017.

Yours sincerely,

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