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Dear Ms Villoria,

**ELECTRICITY ACT 1989**

*The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (as amended)*

**MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010, PART 4 MARINE LICENSING**

*The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (as amended)*

Thank you for your correspondence of 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 requesting that Marine Scotland Licensing Operations Team ("MS-LOT") give their written approval to Revision 7 (issued 15/01/2018) of the Cable Laying Strategy ("CLS") (incorporating the Cable Attenuation Report and Cable Protection Plan) (Document Reference: ABE-ENV-DB-003\_Rev.7).

A previous version of the CLS (Revision 5, issued 09/08/2017) received multi-stage and regulatory consent from MS LOT, on behalf of the Scottish Ministers, in a letter dated 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017 and deemed it sufficient to fully discharge condition 15 of the Section 36 consent and conditions 3.2.1.2 and 3.2.1.7 of Marine Licence 04309/16/1), subject to it being fully implemented. Revision 6 of the CLS received approval from MS-LOT on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

MS-LOT, on behalf of the Scottish Ministers, can confirm, based on the information detailed in the Revision 6 of the CLS, that Aberdeen Offshore Wind Farm Limited ("AOWFL") is in compliance with condition 25 of the Section 36 consent and conditions 3.2.1.2 and 3.2.1.7 of the marine licence.

MS-LOT, on behalf of the Scottish Ministers therefore confirm their approval of the revised CLS (Revision 7, issued 15/01/2018). Any further updates or amendments made to the CLS by the Company, must be submitted in writing by the Company to the Scottish Ministers for their written approval prior to the planned implementation of the proposed amendments or updates.

Yours sincerely,

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