Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult

ELECTRICITY ACT 1989 (AS AMENDED)

MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010

THE ELECTRICITY GENERATING STATIONS (APPLICATIONS FOR VARIATION OF CONSENT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 (AS AMENDED)

THE ELECTRICITY WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2017 (AS AMENDED)

THE MARINE WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2017 (AS AMENDED)

Notice is hereby given that Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult, registered under company registration 4659351 at Offshore House, Albert Street, Bylth, Northumberland, NE24 1LZ, has applied to the Scottish Ministers to vary the consent granted under section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 to construct and operate an offshore demonstration wind turbine approximately 45 metres offshore, due east of the Fife Energy Park, Methil, with a total area of 0.54 km² (central latitude and longitude co-ordinates: 56°10'25"N 3°01'09"W (WGS84) consented on 03 May 2013.

The application, made under section 36C of the Electricity Act 1989, seeks to make the following variations: **to extend the operational life of the turbine from 5 years to 15 years**. The Applicant has also applied for a new marine licence under the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 to allow for the continued deposits and operation of the turbine.

The variation application, and marine licence application are subject to an environmental impact assessment under The Electricity Works EIA Regulations, and The Marine Works EIA Regulations.

The variation application, marine licence application and the supporting environmental information are available for inspection, free of charge, during normal office hours at:

Fife Renewables Innovation Centre

Ajax Way

Methil Docks Business Park

Methil

Glenrothes

Fife, KY8 3RS

Fife, KY7 5LY

They can also be viewed online at

http://www.gov.scot/Topics/marine/Licensing/marine/scoping/FifeEnergyPark and ore.catapult.org.uk/Levenmouth. Copies of the variation application and the EIA Update Report may also be obtained from **Arcus Consultancy Services Ltd** (via Kirsty McGuigan, tel: 0141 221 9997) at a charge of £625 hard copy and £10 on CD (including post and packaging). The hard copy only includes the 2017 EIA Update Report; the 2012 ES is only available on CD and will be provided alongside the hard copy. Copies of a short nontechnical summary are available free of charge.

Any representations should be made in writing by email to: OREC.Levenmouth.Representations@gov.scot or by post to The Scottish Government, Marine Scotland Licensing Operations Team ("MS-LOT"), Marine Laboratory, 375 Victoria Road, Aberdeen, AB11 9DB, identifying the proposal and specifying grounds for objection or support, not later than 03 April 2018, although the Scottish Ministers may consider representations received after this date. Representations should be dated and should clearly state the name (in block capitals) and the full return email or postal address of those making representation.

Subsequent submission by **Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult**, of additional information to the Scottish Ministers will be publicised in a similar manner to the current variation application. Representations relative to additional information should be made on the same basis as detailed above.

Where the Scottish Ministers decide to exercise their discretion to do so the Scottish Ministers shall cause a Public Local Inquiry (PLI) to be held.

Following receipt of all views and representations, the Scottish Ministers will determine the application for consent in one of two ways:

- Consent the proposal, with or without conditions attached; or
- Reject the proposal

Fair Processing Notice

MS-LOT processes applications under the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010, the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 and The Electricity Act 1989. During the consultation process written representations can be sent to the Scottish Ministers.

Should the Scottish Ministers call a Public Local Inquiry (PLI) copies of representations will be sent to the Directorate of Planning and Environmental Appeals for the Reporter to consider during the inquiry. These representations will be posted on their website but will not publish your personal data (e.g. your name and address) as this is removed beforehand in compliance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

You can choose to mark your representation as confidential, in which case it will only be considered by the Scottish Ministers and will not be shared with the planning authority, the applicant, the Reporter (should a PLI be called) or any other third party.

If you have any queries or concerns about how your personal data will be handled, contact MS-LOT by email at: ms.marinerenewables@gov.scot or by post to The Scottish Government, MS-LOT, Marine Laboratory, 375 Victoria Road, Aberdeen, AB11 9DB.