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Marine Scotland
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Dear Sir/Madam

ELECTRICITY ACT 1989

- **The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017**
- **The Electricity (Applications for Consent) Regulations 1990 MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010**
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APPLICATION BY NEART NA GAOITHE OFFSHORE WIND LTD FOR CONSENT TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE NEART NA GAOITHE OFFSHORE WIND FARM

Please treat this letter and the enclosed documents as:

- an application under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 for consent to construct and operate an offshore wind farm, referred to as the Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm, with a maximum output of 450 MW, comprising a maximum of 54 wind turbines with a maximum blade tip height of 208 metres above Lowest Astronomical Tide (LAT) and inter-array cabling linking the turbines to one or two offshore substation platforms (OSPs); and
- an application under Section 36A of the Electricity Act 1989 for a declaration extinguishing public rights of navigation so far as they pass through the locations in the sea where the structures forming part of the Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm are to be placed.

Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm will be located approximately 15.5 kilometres to the east of Fife Ness.

The application documents submitted consist of the following:

- This letter;
- An Environmental Information Assessment Report (EIA Report) and associated plans;
- A Non-Technical Summary; and

- Information to inform an appropriate assessment, in the form of a Habitats Regulations Appraisal Report.

In addition, two Marine Licence applications pursuant to Part 4 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 have been submitted. The first requesting the grant of a Marine Licence for the construction and maintenance of the Offshore Wind Farm comprising the wind turbines and their foundations, a meteorological mast, inter-array cables and the OSP inter-connector cables (if two OSPs are used); and the second requesting a Marine Licence for the construction and maintenance of the Offshore Transmission Works comprising a maximum of two OSPs and their foundations and the Offshore Export Cables running from the OSP(s) to the landfall at Thorntonloch, East Lothian. The Marine Licence applications are accompanied by a Pre-application Consultation Report, pursuant to section 24 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 and in the form required by the Marine Licensing (Pre-application Consultation) (Scotland) Regulations 2013.

As requested by Marine Scotland Licensing Operations Team, a 'Gap Analysis' has been prepared detailing where the issues raised in the Scoping Opinion (September 2017) have been addressed within the application. This is submitted alongside the other application documents detailed above.

It is understood that invoices will be issued in relation to the Section 36 Application fee of £36,000 and the two Marine Licence Application fees of £44,395 each.

Notice of the applications will be placed in the Fishing News, The Courier, Fife Free Press and the East Lothian Courier for a two week period and in the Edinburgh Gazette and the Scotsman once. Notice of the applications will also be published on the NnG website. Copies of the applications including plans, together with a copy of the EIA Report discussing the proposed development in more detail and presenting an analysis of the environmental implications, are available for inspection, free of charge during normal office/opening hours at:

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Once the application is accepted by MS-LOT, the EIA Report and Non-Technical Summary will be published online at <http://www.nngoffshorewind.com/downloads>.

I trust that the enclosed information will allow you to process the application. If you require any further information or have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



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