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Dear Mrs Pirie,

THE ELECTRICITY ACT 1989 (AS AMENDED)

The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (As Amended)

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

The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007 (as amended)

Moray Offshore Renewables Limited (Telford Offshore Wind Farm, Stevenson Offshore Wind Farm and MacColl Offshore Wind Farm formally known as Moray Offshore Renewables Limited ("MORL"), now known as Moray Offshore Windfarm (East) Limited "Moray East")

Section 36 consents – Condition 26

Modified Offshore Transmission Infrastructure Marine Licence – Condition 3.2.1.1

Offshore Substation Platforms Marine Licence – Condition 3.2.1.1

Thank you for your correspondence of 31 May 2018, submitting to Marine Scotland Licensing Operations Team ("MS-LOT") Revision 2 (issued 17/09/2018) of the Project Environmental Monitoring Programme ("PEMP") (document number: 8460001-PCA0010-MOR-REP-016) for the Moray Offshore Windfarm (East) Limited ("Moray East"). This is to demonstrate compliance with condition 26 of the Section 36 Consents for the Telford Offshore Wind Farm, Stevenson Offshore Wind Farm and MacColl Offshore Wind Farm ("the Wind Farm Companies"), condition 3.2.1.1 of the Offshore Transmission Infrastructure ("OfTI") Marine Licence (licence number: 05340/14/0) and condition 3.2.1.1 of the Offshore Substation Platforms ("OSP") Marine Licence (licence number: 06347/17/1).

As required by the condition all methodologies and monitoring surveys included in the PEMP were reviewed and agreed upon with the all members of the Moray Firth Regional Advisory Group ("MFRAG"), prior to submission to Scottish Ministers. MS-LOT, on behalf of the Scottish Ministers, have consulted with Scottish Natural Heritage ("SNH"), the Whale and Dolphin Conservation ("WDC") and Fisheries Management Scotland ("FMS"). The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds ("RSPB Scotland") were also consulted but did not provide a response to the consultation at this time. SNH was content with the PEMP overall and provided comments in relation to seabed scour surveys and birds, that were required to be addressed and the PEMP updated. FMS stated that the PEMP is overall fit for purpose, however, questioned the absence of further plans for sea trout surveys. The stakeholder comments were addressed in the revised PEMP submitted by Moray East on the 17 September 2018 for MS-LOT consideration.

The Moray East PEMP addresses the pre-construction, construction and post-construction monitoring for the following receptors:

1. Seabed Scour and Local Sediment Deposition
2. Benthic Communities
3. Sandeel
4. Cod
5. Herring
6. Diadromous Fish
7. Birds

The monitoring of the Marine Mammals is outlined in the Marine Mammals Monitoring Plan (“MMMP”), the pre-construction part of the plan was approved on 10 October 2018. The addendum to the MMMP for the construction phase was presented to the Moray Firth Regional Advisory Group (“MFRAG”) – Marine Mammals Subgroup and approved by MS-LOT on 8 October 2018.

The PEMP is a live document and will be regularly reviewed by the Scottish Ministers, at timescales to be determined by the Scottish Ministers, in consultation with the MFRAG and relevant sub-groups (e.g. Ornithology and Marine Mammals), to identify the appropriateness of on-going monitoring. Following such reviews, the Scottish Ministers may, in consultation with the MFRAG, require Moray East to amend the PEMP and submit such an amended PEMP, in writing, to the Scottish Ministers, for their written approval. Such approval may only be granted following consultation with the MFRAG and any other ecological, or such other advisors as may be required at the discretion of the Scottish Ministers. The PEMP, as amended from time to time, must be fully implemented by the Company at all times.

Any updates or amendments made to this PEMP by Moray East must be submitted in writing by the Company to the Scottish Ministers for their written approval.

MS-LOT, on behalf of the Scottish Ministers, can confirm that, subject to it being fully implemented, Revision 2 (issued 17/09/2018) of the PEMP (document number: 8460001-PCA0010-MOR-REP-016) is sufficient to meet the requirement of condition 26 of the Section 36 Consents for the wind farm companies, condition 3.2.1.1 of the Offshore Transmission Infrastructure (“OfTI”) Marine Licence (licence number: 05340/14/0) and condition 3.2.1.1 of the Offshore Substation Platforms (“OSP”) Marine Licence (licence number: 06347/17/1). This is insofar as it relates to pre-construction, construction and post-construction and that Moray East submit written reports of the agreed monitoring to the Scottish Ministers at agreed timescales in consultation with the MFRAG.

Yours sincerely

Giulia Agnisola
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