

Mr Allan MacAskill
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30 April 2020

Dear Mr MacAskill

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

THE ELECTRICITY ACT 1989 (AS AMENDED)

DECISION NOTICE RELATIVE TO APPLICATION FOR MULTI-STAGE CONSENT

CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE KINCARDINE FLOATING OFFSHORE WINDFARM, APPROXIMATELY 15KM OFF THE COAST OF ABERDEEN.

1. Description of the Application

- 1.1 On 7 March 2017 the Scottish Ministers, granted in favour of Kincardine Offshore Windfarm Ltd (Company Number SC475345), having its registered office at Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace Edinburgh, EH1 2EN (“the Company”) consent under section 36 (“s.36”) of the Electricity Act 1989 (as amended) relative to the above works. The said s.36 consent was varied by the Scottish Ministers on 15 May 2018 and then again on 6 September 2018 (“the s.36 consent”). Condition 14 of the s.36 consent requires the Company to submit a Vessel Management Plan (“VMP”) for approval by the Scottish Ministers prior to commencing the above works.
- 1.2 On 3 June 2019 the Company submitted to the Scottish Ministers the VMP for approval and applied for multi-stage consent in relation thereto in accordance with condition 14 of the s.36 consent.

2. Reasons and Considerations on which this decision is based

- 2.1 Following consultation with Scottish Natural Heritage, Aberdeen City Council, and the Marine and Coastguard Agency an amended VMP, was submitted to the Scottish Ministers by the Company on 31 March 2020.
- 2.2 The information contained within the VMP is within the parameters of what has already been assessed within the Environmental Statement, the Environmental Statement Additional Information and the Variation Environmental Statement submitted in respect of the s.36 consent.

2.3 The Company was not required to submit additional information under regulation 25 of the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (as amended) in relation to the application for multi-stage consent.

3. Determination and Terms of Decision

3.1 The Scottish Ministers, hereby approve the VMP as submitted on 31 March 2020 and grant multi-stage consent in relation thereto.

3.2 In the event that the Company wishes to update or amend the VMP, the Company must submit, in writing, details of the proposed updates or amendments to the Scottish Ministers for their written approval prior to the planned implementation of the proposed updates or amendments. It is not permissible for any works associated with the proposed updates or amendments to proceed prior to the granting of such approval.

3.3 Unless otherwise agreed, in writing by the Scottish Ministers, all works must proceed in accordance with the VMP.

3.4 This Decision Notice has been published on the Scottish Government's website: [here](#)

3.5 A copy of this Decision Notice has also been sent to the relevant planning authorities.

Authorised on behalf of the Scottish Ministers

By a member of staff of the Scottish Government

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