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Dear Mr Danaher,

**THE ELECTRICITY WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (SCOTLAND)
REGULATIONS 2017**

ELECTRICITY ACT 1989

DECISION NOTICE RELATIVE TO APPLICATION FOR MULTI-STAGE CONSENT

**FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF MORAY EAST OFFSHORE WINDFARM
IN THE OUTER MORAY FIRTH**

1. Description of the Application

- 1.1. On 19 March 2014 the Scottish Ministers granted in favour of Telford Offshore Windfarm Limited (Company Number 07386810), Stevenson Offshore Windfarm Limited (Company Number 07386838) and MacColl Offshore Windfarm Limited (Company Number 07386891), all having their registered office at 1st Floor 14/18 City Road, Cardiff, CF24 3DL, consents under section 36 ("s.36") of the Electricity Act 1989 for the construction and operation of Telford Offshore Windfarm, Stevenson Offshore Windfarm and MacColl Offshore Windfarm respectively, collectively referred to as Moray East Offshore Windfarm. The said s.36 consents were varied by the Scottish Ministers on 22 March 2018 ("the s.36 consents"). Subsequently, on 8 June 2018, the s.36 consents were assigned, with the authority of the Scottish Ministers, to Moray Offshore Windfarm (East) Limited (Company Number 07101438), previously known as Moray Offshore Renewables Limited and having its registered office formerly at 1st Floor 14/18 City Road, Cardiff, CF24 3DL and now at C/O Shepherd and Wedderburn LLP, Condor House, 10 St. Paul's Churchyard, London, EC4M 8AL ("the Company"). Condition 16 of the s.36 consents require the Company to submit an Operation and Maintenance Programme ("OMP"), for approval by the Scottish Ministers, prior to commissioning of the first Wind Turbine Generator.

- 1.2. On 15 January 2021 the Company submitted to the Scottish Ministers a Wind Farm OMP for approval, and applied for multi-stage consent in accordance with condition 16 of the s.36 consents.

2 Reasons and Considerations on which this decision is based

- 2.1 MS-LOT consulted with with NatureScot, the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, the Northern Lighthouse Board, Scottish Environment Protection Agency (“SEPA”), the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, Aberdeenshire Council, The Highland Council and Moray Council. No response to the consultation was received from SEPA or Moray Council. Following the consultation an amended OMP was submitted to the Scottish Ministers by the Company on 7 June 2021.
- 2.2 The information contained in the OMP is within the parameters of what has already been assessed within the Environmental Statement (“ES”) submitted in respect of the s.36 consents.
- 2.3 The Company was not required to submit additional information under regulation 25 of the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 or in relation to the application for multi-stage consent.

3 Determination and Terms of Decision

- 3.1 The Scottish Ministers, hereby approve the OMP as submitted on 7 June 2021 and grant multi-stage consent in relation thereto.
- 3.2 In the event that the Company wishes to update or amend the OMP, 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 OMP.
- 3.4 This Decision Notice has been published on the Marine Scotland licensing page of the Scottish Government’s website: <https://marine.gov.scot/ml/moray-east-offshore-windfarm>.
- 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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