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Dear Mr Deimel,

ELECTRICITY ACT 1989

MARINE SCOTLAND ACT 2010 & MARINE COASTAL AND ACCESS ACT 2009

Marine Licence No 04461/18/1: Condition 3.2.1.1
Section 36 Consent: Condition 27

Thank you for your correspondence dated 4 November 2020 on behalf of Beatrice Offshore Windfarm Limited (“the Company”) submitting to Marine Scotland Licensing Operations Team (“MS-LOT”) the revised Project Environmental Monitoring Programme (“PEMP”) for the operational phase for the Wind Farm Assets (Revision 4, issued 04/11/2020) and the revised PEMP for the operational phase for the Offshore Transmission Assets (Revision 3, issued 04/11/2020). The PEMPs are submitted to satisfy the requirements of condition 27 of the Section 36 Consent and the requirements of condition 3.2.1.1 of the Offshore Transmission Works (“OfTW”) Marine Licence (licence number: 04461/18/1).

MS-LOT, on behalf of the Scottish Ministers, have consulted with NatureScot (formerly known as Scottish Natural Heritage) and Marine Scotland Science. Whale and Dolphin Conservation, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds Scotland and Fisheries Management Scotland were also consulted but did not provide a response to the consultation.

MS-LOT confirms that the submitted operational PEMPs are sufficient to satisfy condition 27 of the section 36 consent and condition 3.2.1.1 of the OfTW Marine Licence (licence number: 04461/18/1) and they are therefore approved.

Further updates to the operational PEMPs will need to be submitted to and approved by the Scottish Ministers, in order to fulfil the remaining requirements of condition 27 of the Section 36 Consent and condition 3.2.1.1 of the OfTW Marine Licence.

Any updates or amendments made to the aforementioned operational PEMPs, must be submitted, in writing to the Scottish Ministers for their written approval.

PEMPs are live documents which will be regularly reviewed by the Scottish Ministers, in consultation with the Moray Firth Regional Advisory Group (“MFRAG”), to identify the appropriateness of on-going monitoring. Following such reviews, the Scottish Ministers may, in consultation with the MFRAG, require the Company to amend the PEMP and submit such 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.

The Company must submit written reports of monitoring surveys to the Scottish Ministers at timescales to be determined by the Scottish Ministers in consultation with the MFRAG. Subject to any legal restrictions regarding the treatment of the information, the results are to be made publicly available by the Scottish Ministers, or by such other party appointed at their discretion.

Yours sincerely,

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