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Dear Mr Sunier,

## 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 MORL, now Moray Offshore Windfarm (East) Limited "Moray East")

Section 36 Consents (as varied): Conditions 35 & 36
Offshore Substation Platforms Marine Licence – Condition 3.2.2.16
Offshore Transmission Infrastructure ("OfTI") Marine Licence – Condition 3.2.2.16
(collectively referred to as "the Conditions")

Thank you for your correspondence requesting that Marine Scotland Licensing Operations Team ("MS-LOT") gives its written approval to the updated Marine Archaeological Reporting Protocol and Written Scheme of Investigation ("MARP and WSI") issued on 25 July 2019, (File name 846001-PCA0010-RHD-REP-001).

A previous version of the MARP and WSI (issued 8 June 2018) received multi stage consent and regulatory approval from MS-LOT, on behalf of Scottish Ministers, in a decision notice dated 4 July 2018 which deemed it sufficient to fully discharge the conditions, subject to it being fully implemented.

MS-LOT have consulted with Historic Environment Scotland ("HES"), who in their response dated 28 August 2019 confirmed that the provisions made for archaeological mitigation, monitoring and action provided within the plan are adequate and proportionate. HES advised it would be beneficial to amend the WSI section of the plan referring to the OfTI corridor to emphasise the legal implications under the Protection of Military Remains Act 1986. HES also requested that any reference to the National Monuments Record of Scotland be updated to

the National Record of the Historic Environment Scotland which was renamed after its merger with Historic Scotland.

On 12 September 2019, Moray East provided the amended MARP and WSI to address the points made by HES.

MS-LOT, on behalf of the Scottish Ministers can confirm, that based on the information detailed in the updated MARP and WSI that Moray East is in compliance with the Conditions.

MS-LOT therefore confirms its approval of the updated MARP and WSI (issued 12 September 2019). Any further updates or amendments made to the MARP and WSI (including updates to any of its appendices), must be submitted in writing by Moray East to the Scottish Ministers for its written approval prior to the planned implementation of the proposed amendments or updates.

Yours sincerely

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