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Dear Ms Donovan,

ELECTRICITY ACT 1989 (AS AMENDED)

**MEYGEN TIDAL ENERGY PROJECT, INNER SOUND, PENTLAND FIRTH
PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING PLAN (“PEMP”)**

I refer to your email dated 03 July 2019 requesting that elements (a) and (c) of condition 12 of the MeyGen Tidal Energy Project section 36 consent in respect of the PEMP are discharged with respect to Phase 1a of Phase 1, namely:-

- a) *Hydro dynamics / benthic surveys, export cable route and turbine locations and modelling to validate EIA predictions; and*
- c) *Disturbance and displacement of birds, marine mammals and basking sharks during construction and operation. This must also link to the species protection plan for seals at haul outs; and*

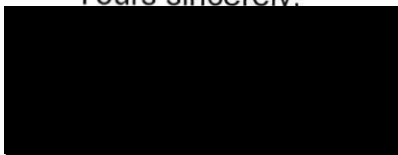
Marine Scotland Licensing Operations Team, on behalf of the Scottish Ministers have determined that these aspects have been addressed with respect to Phase 1a within the approved PEMP (Revision 4, issued on 28/10/16) which confirmed that these elements were low priority for Phase 1a and would not be monitored directly as concluded within the Monitoring Steering Report (issued 23/05/2014) attached at Appendix B of the PEMP.

This letter confirms approval that elements (a) and (c) of condition 12 of the Section 36 consent have been met in respect of Phase 1a and subsequently that approval of condition 12 has been met in so far as this relates to Phase 1a only.

The PEMP must be regularly reviewed by the Scottish Ministers, at timescales to be determined by the Scottish Ministers, in consultation with SNH and the Advisory Group. Following such review the Scottish Ministers may, in consultation with SNH and the Advisory Group, require the Company to amend the PEMP and submit such an amended Programme to them, in writing, for their approval, in consultation with SNH and any other ecological, or such other advisors as required at the discretion of the Scottish Minister.

Any updates or amendments made to the PEMP, must be submitted in writing by the Licensee to the Scottish Ministers for their written approval.

Yours sincerely,



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