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Dear Ms Gilchrist

**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 NEART NA GAOITHE OFFSHORE WIND FARM
AND ASSOCIATED OFFSHORE TRANSMISSION INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE FIRTH OF
FORTH**

1. Description of the Application

- 1.1 On 3 December 2018 the Scottish Ministers, granted in favour of Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Limited (Company Number SC356223), having its registered office at Atria One, 144 Morrison Street, Edinburgh, EH3 8EX (“the Company”) consent under section 36 (“s.36”) of the Electricity Act 1989 (as amended) relative to the above works. This s.36 consent was varied by the Scottish Ministers on 4 June 2019 (“the s.36 consent”). Condition 21 of the s.36 consent requires the Company to submit an Air Traffic Control Radar Mitigation Scheme (“ATC Scheme”) for approval by the Scottish Ministers prior to commencing the above works.
- 1.2 On 26 February 2020 the Company applied for multi-stage consent in relation to condition 21 of the s.36 consent.

2. Reasons and Considerations on which this decision is based

- 2.1 The Ministry of Defence have confirmed that the Company has entered into a radar mitigation scheme agreement (otherwise referred to as an ATC scheme) with the Secretary of State for Defence on 27 September 2019.

2.2 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 grant multi-stage consent in relation to the ATC Scheme.

3.2 Unless otherwise agreed, in writing by the Scottish Ministers, all works must proceed in accordance with the ATC Scheme.

3.3 This Decision Notice has been published on the Scottish Government's website: <http://marine.gov.scot/ml/neart-na-gaoithe-offshore-windfarm-revised-design>.

3.4 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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