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23 November 2023

Dear Sir / Madam,

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

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REGULATIONS 2007**

MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010

MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009

**DECISION NOTICE RELATIVE TO APPLICATION FOR MULTI-STAGE REGULATORY
APPROVAL**

**CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE BEATRICE OFFSHORE WIND FARM
AND ASSOCIATED OFFSHORE TRANSMISSION INFRASTRUCTURE,
APPROXIMATELY 13KM NORTHEAST FROM THE CAITHNESS COASTLINE**

1. Description of the Application

- 1.1 On 2 September 2014 the Scottish Ministers, granted in favour of Beatrice Offshore Windfarm Limited (Company Number SC350248), having its registered office previously at 1 Waterloo Street, Glasgow, G2 6AY and now at Inveralmond House, 200 Dunkeld Road, Perth (“the Company”) a marine licence under part 4 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 and the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 for the construction of the Offshore Transmission Infrastructure (“OfTI”) relative to the above works. The marine licence was subsequently varied by the Scottish Ministers on 25 May 2018 (“the OfTI marine licence”). Condition 3.2.3.2 of the OfTI marine licence requires the Company to submit an Operation and Maintenance Programme (“OMP”) for approval by the Scottish Ministers, prior to commencing the above works.
- 1.2 On 12 June 2023 the Company submitted to the Scottish Ministers the OMP for approval and applied for multi-stage regulatory approval in accordance with condition 3.2.3.2 of the OfTI marine licence.

2. Reasons and Considerations on which this decision is based

- 21 Following consultation with Joint Nature Conservation Committee, Scottish Environment Protection Agency, NatureScot, Maritime and Coastguard Agency, Northern Lighthouse Board, Moray Council, Scottish White Fish Producers Association Limited, Civil Aviation Authority, Ministry of Defence - Defence Infrastructure Organisation, North and East Coast Regional Inshore Fisheries Group and the Scottish Fishermen's Federation an amended OMP was submitted to the Scottish Ministers by the Company on 16 October 2023.
- 22 The information contained within the OMP is within the parameters of what has already been assessed within the Environmental Impact Assessment Report and additional information submitted in respect of the OfTI marine licence.
- 23 The Company was not required to submit additional information under regulation 27 of the Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 in relation to the application for multi-stage regulatory approval.

3. Determination and Terms of Decision

- 3.1 The Scottish Ministers, hereby approve the OMP as submitted on 16 October 2023 and grant multi-stage regulatory approval 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 process prior to the granting of such approval.

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

- 3.3 This decision notice has been published on the Scottish Government's website: [Beatrice Offshore Wind Farm - Operations and Maintenance Programme \(Offshore Transmission Assets\) | Marine Scotland Information](#)
- 3.4 A copy of this decision notice has also been sent to the relevant planning authority.

Authorised on behalf of the Scottish Ministers

By a member of staff of the Scottish Government

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