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Date: 23 November 2023

Dear Mr Deimel,

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

THE ELECTRICITY ACT 1989

DECISION NOTICE RELATIVE TO APPLICATION FOR MULTI-STAGE CONSENT

**CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE BEATRICE OFFSHORE WIND FARM
ELECTRICITY GENERATING STATION, OUTER MORAY FIRTH, APPROXIMATELY 25
KM SOUTH EAST OF WICK, CAITHNESS**

1. Description of the Application

- 1.1 On 19 March 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”) consent under section 36 (“s.36”) of the Electricity Act 1989 relative to the above works. Condition 17 of the s.36 consent 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 consent in accordance with condition 17 of the s.36 consent.

2. Reasons and Considerations on which this decision is based

- 2.1 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.

- 2.2 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 s.36 consent.
- 2.3 The Company was not required to submit additional information under regulation 25 of the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations in relation to the application for multi-stage consent.

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 consent 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 \(Wind Farm Assets\) | 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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