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Dear Ms Aires

Moray Offshore Windfarm (East) Limited (known as Moray East)
Offshore Transmission Infrastructure – Application for a Marine Licence for two Offshore Substation Platforms

This letter accompanies the application for a Marine Licence for proposed Offshore Substation Platforms (OSPs) for the consented Telford, Stevenson and MacColl offshore wind farms. This letter provides an overview of the application documents that are being submitted by Moray Offshore Windfarm (East) Limited (known as Moray East) to Marine Scotland. Enclosed is the hard copy application and the 'Statement Regarding Implications for the ES and HRA' that were submitted to Marine Scotland Licensing Operations Team (MS-LOT) electronically on the 1 of May 2017.

As part of project optimisation design and as a result of recent development of OSP technology Moray East now requires to use up to four distributed OSPs as part of the project's Modified Offshore Transmission Infrastructure (Modified OfTI). Although the number of OSPs is higher than the original permitted design, the actual footprint and overall design parameters of four distributed OSPs are still within the original project parameters assessed in 2014 for the two AC OSPs. This is on the assumption that the two OSPs permitted under the modified OfTI Marine Licence 2014 are no larger than the two OSPs for which consent is sought under the current Marine Licence application.

The following application is hereby submitted to MS-LOT for consent:

- A Marine Licence application by Moray East under (1) the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 for deposits in the sea or under the seabed from a vessel which is loaded in Scotland or in the Scottish marine area and (2) Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 for the deposit of substances and objects and construction works within the United Kingdom marine licensing area for two Offshore Substation Platforms as part of the Offshore Transmission Infrastructure (OfTI) to enable power from the Telford, Stevenson and MacColl offshore generating stations to be transported to the National Grid at New Deer.

Application Documents

Below is a list of the submission documents which are enclosed:

1. An application form (and relevant appendices) for a Marine Licence under the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 and the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009; and
2. The Moray East Statement Regarding Implications for the ES and HRA from the proposed OSPs Marine Licence application.

The Moray East Modified Transmission Infrastructure Environmental Statement (2014) (included in a CD) was provided to MS-LOT (Gayle Holland) on the 26 April 2017.

Fees

We would confirm that the fee of £ 33,295 associated with the Marine Licence for the Moray East Offshore Substation Platforms will be sent to the Scottish Government electronically upon receipt of an invoice.

We would be grateful if you could acknowledge receipt of the application and supporting documents. Moray East welcomes continued engagement in relation to this applications and any representations which Marine Scotland receives.

Yours sincerely



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