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Dear Mr Walker,

ELECTRICITY ACT 1989

**Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Limited ("NnGOWL")
Section 36 consent – Condition 2: Neart na Gaoithe Wind Farm**

Thank you for your correspondence dated 03 August 2017 on behalf of Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Limited, who were awarded a Section 36 Consent on 10 October 2014.

Condition 2 of the Section 36 consent is set out as follows:

"The Commencement of the Development must be a date no later than 5 years from the date the consent is granted, or such later date from the date of the granting of this consent as the Scottish Ministers may hereafter direct in writing."

In your correspondence you requested that the Scottish Ministers give their written approval that the timeframe for Condition 2 (Commencement of the Development) of the section 36 consent is delayed beyond the five (5) years set out in Condition 2, to eight (8) years.

Marine Scotland Licensing Operations Team, on behalf of the Scottish Ministers, have consulted with Angus Council, Dundee City Council, East Lothian Council, Fife Council, Historic Environment Scotland, Scottish Borders Council, Scottish Environment Protection Agency and Scottish Natural Heritage and have no objection to your requested extension from five (5) to eight (8).

The Scottish Ministers see no disadvantage in extending the Commencement of Development timeframe by an additional 3 years and hereby direct that Commencement of Development under Condition 2 in the original Neart na Gaoithe section 36 consent must be a date no later than 8 years from the date the consent was granted. Therefore, Commencement of the Development (as defined in the original section 36 consent), must be no later than 10 October 2022, or such other period as the Scottish Ministers may direct in writing.

Yours sincerely,



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