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Dear Mrs Arthur,

**ELECTRICITY ACT 1989
INCH CAPE OFFSHORE WIND FARM
SECTION 36 CONSENT, CONDITION 2 – COMMENCEMENT OF THE DEVELOPMENT**

In your correspondence dated 30 March 2023, on behalf of Inch Cape Offshore Limited (“ICOL”) in relation to the section 36 consent granted on 17 June 2019 (and subsequently varied on 16 July 2020, 22 July 2021 and 14 June 2023) (“the Existing s.36 Consent”) for Inch Cape Offshore Wind Farm (“the Development”), you requested that the Scottish Ministers give written approval for the substitution of the time period, from five years to seven years, for commencement of the Development.

Condition 2 of the Existing s.36 Consent is set out as follows:

“The Commencement of the Development must be no later than five years from the date of the original consent (dated 17 June 2019), or in substitution such other period as the Scottish Ministers may hereafter direct in writing. The Company must provide written confirmation of the intended date of Commencement of the Development to the Scottish Ministers and to Aberdeenshire Council, Angus Council, Dundee City Council, East Lothian Council, Fife Council and Scottish Borders Council no later than one calendar month before that date.”

Marine Directorate – Licensing Operations Team (“MD-LOT”), on behalf of the Scottish Ministers, consulted NatureScot, Historic Environment Scotland, Scottish Environment Protection Agency, Aberdeenshire Council, Angus Council, Dundee City Council, Fife Council, East Lothian Council and the Scottish Borders Council. No objections were raised during the consultation.

The Scottish Ministers are content to extend the commencement of the time period for the Development covered by the Existing s.36 Consent by an additional two years. MD-LOT hereby confirm that the commencement of the Development under condition 2 of the Existing s.36 Consent must be a date no later than seven years from the date the original consent was granted on 17 June 2019.

For the avoidance of doubt, the commencement of the Development (as defined in the Existing s.36 Consent) must begin no later than 16 June 2026, or such other period as the Scottish Ministers may agree and confirm in writing.

Yours sincerely,

Jessica Malcolm
Marine Directorate – Licensing Operations Team