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Dear Ms Mercy Araujo,

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

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

MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010

THE ELECTRICITY ACT 1989

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

**CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF INCH CAPE OFFSHORE WINDFARM, FIRTH OF
FORTH**

1. Description of the Application

- 1.1 On 17 June 2019 (varied on 14 June 2023), the Scottish Ministers, granted in favour of Inch Cape Offshore Limited (Company Number SC373173), having its registered office at Ground Floor, New Clarendon, 114-116 George Street, Edinburgh, EH2 4LH (“the Company”) a marine licence under part 4 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 relative to the above works. Condition 3.2.2.8 of the marine licence requires the Company to submit a Piling Strategy for approval by the Scottish Ministers prior to commencing the above works.
- 1.2 On 17 June 2019 (varied 16 July 2020, 22 July 2021 and 14 June 2023), the Scottish Ministers, granted in favour of the Company consent under section 36 (“s.36”) of the Electricity Act 1989 relative to the above works. Condition 11 of the s.36 consent requires the Company to submit a Piling Strategy for approval by the Scottish Ministers prior to commencing the above works.
- 1.3 On 13 June 2025 the Company submitted to the Scottish Ministers the Generating Station Piling Strategy (“Generating Station PS”) for approval and applied for multi-stage regulatory approval and consent in accordance with condition 3.2.2.8 of the marine licence and condition 11 of the s.36 consent.

2. Reasons and Considerations on which this decision is based

- 2.1 Following consultation with NatureScot (operating name of Scottish Natural Heritage), Fisheries Management Scotland, and Whale and Dolphin Conservation, an amended Generating Station PS was submitted to the Scottish Ministers by the Company on 11 November 2025.
- 2.2 The information contained with the Generating Station PS is within the parameters of what has already been assessed within the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (“EIA Report”) submitted in respect of the marine licence and 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 2017 or regulation 27 of the Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 in relation to the application for multi-stage consent and regulatory approval.

3. Determination and Terms of Decision

- 3.1 The Scottish Ministers, hereby approve the Generating Station PS as submitted on 11 November 2025 and grant multi-stage regulatory approval and consent in relation thereto.
- 3.2 In the event that the Company wishes to update or amend the Generating Station PS, 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 proceed prior to the granting of such approval. Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Scottish Ministers, all works must proceed in accordance with the Generating Station PS.
- 3.3 This decision notice will be published on the Scottish Government’s website: [Inch Cape Offshore Windfarm \(Revised Design\) | marine.gov.scot](https://www.marine.gov.scot/inch-cape-offshore-windfarm-revised-design).
- 3.4 A copy of this decision notice has also been sent to the relevant planning authorities.

Authorised on behalf of the Scottish Ministers

By a member of staff of the Scottish Government

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