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Gayle Holland 375 Victoria Road Aberdeen AB11 9DB

Dear Gayle

West of Orkney Windfarm request for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Scoping Opinion under Regulation 12 of The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 Regulation 14 of The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 and Regulation 13 of The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007 (as amended)

Following our email sent on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022, please accept this letter and enclosed Scoping Report as a request for a Scoping Opinion on the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the proposed West of Orkney Windfarm.

The Scoping Report is submitted under Regulation 12 of The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017, Regulation 14 of The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 and Regulation 13 of The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007 (as amended). The purpose of the EIA Scoping Report is to inform Marine Scotland, statutory consultees, and key stakeholders about the proposed scope of the EIA, the findings of which will be presented in the EIA Report that will accompany the subsequent Section 36 consent (potentially including a request for deemed planning) and Marine Licence applications for the proposed Project.

This request for a Scoping Opinion is being submitted alongside similar requests to:

- 1. The Highland Council under Regulation 17 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 for the onshore Caithness infrastructure.
- 2. Orkney Islands Council under Regulation 17 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 for the onshore Orkney infrastructure.

The Scoping Report presents information relevant to all the offshore and onshore (Caithness and Orkney) aspects of the Project. To allow easy access to the information relevant to each of the requested Scoping Opinions the report has been divided into the following sections:

Section 1 – Introduction and Overview - relevant to all Scoping Opinion requests.

Section 2 - Offshore, including Scapa Flow - relevant to the Marine Scotland Scoping Opinion request.

Section 3 – Onshore Caithness – relevant to The Highland Council Scoping Opinion request and Marine Scotland Scoping Opinion request should the deemed planning option be pursued.

Section 4 - Onshore Orkney – relevant to Orkney Islands Council Scoping Opinion request and Marine Scotland Scoping Opinion request should the deemed planning option be pursued.

Section 5 – Summary of EIA Scoping - relevant to all Scoping Opinion requests.

I trust that the enclosed information is sufficient for your purposes, however, please do not hesitate to contact me if there is any further information you require.

Yours sincerely



Liz Foubister

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