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Dear Ms Rei

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

MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009

THE ELECTRICITY ACT 1989

DECISION NOTICE RELATIVE TO APPLICATION FOR MULTI-STAGE CONSENT

**CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE MORAY WEST OFFSHORE WIND FARM
AND ASSOCIATED OFFSHORE TRANSMISSION INFRASTRUCTURE,
APPROXIMATELY 22.5KM SOUTHEAST FROM THE CAITHNESS COASTLINE**

1. Description of the Application

- 1.1 On 14 June 2019 the Scottish Ministers granted in favour of Moray Offshore Windfarm (West) Limited (Company Number 10515140), having its registered office formerly at Condor House, 10 St. Paul's Churchyard, London and now at Shepherd and Wedderburn LLP Octagon Point, 5 Cheapside, London, England, ("the Company"), consent under section 36 ("the s.36 consent") of the Electricity Act 1989 for the construction and operation of the Moray West Offshore Wind Farm. Subsequently the s.36 consent was varied by the Scottish Ministers on 7 March 2022. Condition 11 of the s.36 consent requires the Company to submit a Piling Strategy ("PS") for approval by the Scottish Ministers, prior to commencing works.
- 1.2 On 14 June 2019 the Scottish Ministers, granted in favour of the Company a marine licence under part 4 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 for the construction of the generating station relative to the above works. This marine licence was subsequently varied by the Scottish Ministers on 7 March 2022 and again on 11 April 2022 ("the GS marine licence"). Condition 3.2.2.8 of the GS marine licence requires

the Company to submit a PS for approval by the Scottish Ministers prior to commencing the above works.

- 1.3 On 19 April 2023 the Company submitted to the Scottish Ministers a PS for approval and applied for multi-stage consent in accordance with condition 11 of the s.36 consent and condition 3.2.2.8 of the GS marine licence.

2. Reasons and Considerations on which this decision is based

- 2.1 Following consultation with NatureScot no amendments were made to the PS.
- 2.2 The information contained with the PS is within the parameters of what has already been assessed within the Environmental Impact Assessment Report and additional information submitted in respect of the GS marine licence and the 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 in relation to the application for multi-stage consent.

3. Determination and Terms of Decision

- 3.1 The Scottish Ministers, hereby approve the PS as submitted on 19 April 2023 and grant multi-stage consent in relation thereto.
- 3.2 In the event that the Company wishes to update or amend the 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 process prior to the granting of such approval.

Unless otherwise agreed, in writing by the Scottish Ministers, all works must proceed in accordance with the PS.

- 3.3 This decision notice has been published on the Scottish Government's website: <https://marine.gov.scot/ml/moray-west-offshore-windfarm>
- 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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