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Dear Ms Rei

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

**THE MARINE WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT)  
(SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2007**

**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, 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 EC4M 8AL and now at Shepherd and Wedderburn LLP Octagon Point, 5 Cheapside, London, England, EC2V 6AA, ("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 19 of the s.36 consent requires the Company to submit an Inter Array Cable Plan (“CaP”) 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 3.2.2.16 of the GS marine licence requires the Company to submit a CaP for approval by the Scottish Ministers prior to commencing the above works.
- 1.3 On 26 October 2022 the Company submitted to the Scottish Ministers the CaP for approval and applied for multi-stage consent in relation thereto in accordance with condition 19 of the s.36 consent and condition 3.2.2.16 of the GS marine licence.

## **2. Reasons and Considerations on which this decision is based**

- 2.1 Following consultation with NatureScot, the Maritime and Coastguard Agency and the Scottish Fisherman’s Federation no amendments were required to the CaP.
- 2.2 The information contained with the CaP 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 CaP as submitted on 26 October 2022 and grant multi-stage consent in relation thereto.
- 3.2 In the event that the Company wishes to update or amend the CaP, 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 CaP.

- 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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