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Dear Mr Maxwell,

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

THE ELECTRICITY ACT 1989

DECISION NOTICE RELATIVE TO APPLICATION FOR MULTI-STAGE CONSENT

CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE SEAGREEN ALPHA OFFSHORE WIND FARM, LOCATED 27 KILOMETRES OFF THE EAST OF THE ANGUS COASTLINE

1. Description of the Application

- 1.1 On 10 October 2014 the Scottish Ministers, granted in favour of Seagreen Alpha Wind Energy Limited (Company Number 07185533), having its registered office previously at 55 Vastern Road, Reading, Berkshire and thereafter at No. 1 Forbury Place, 43 Forbury Road, Reading ("the Company"), consent under section 36 ("s.36") of the Electricity Act 1989 relative to the above works. The said s.36 consent was varied by the Scottish Ministers on 28 August 2018 ("the s.36 consent"). Condition 16 of the s.36 consent requires the Company to submit a Offshore Wind Farm Operations and Maintenance Programme ("OWF OMP") for approval by the Scottish Ministers prior to commencing the above works.
- 1.2 On 24 March 2022 the Company submitted to the Scottish Ministers the OWF OMP for approval and applied for multi-stage consent in relation thereto and in accordance with condition 16 of the s.36 consent.

2. Reasons and Considerations on which this decision is based

2.1 Following consultation with Angus Council, Dundee City Council, East Lothian Council, Fife Council, East Lothian Council, Scottish Borders Council, NatureScot, the Ministry of Defence, the Maritime Coastguard Agency, the Northern Lighthouse



Board, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds Scotland and the Scottish Environment Protection Agency, an amended OWF OMP was submitted to the Scottish Ministers by the Companies on 18 May 2022.

- 2.2 The information contained in the OWF OMP is within the parameters of what has already been assessed within the Environmental Statement, the Addendum and the Erratum submitted in respect of 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 OWF OMP as submitted on 18 May 2022 and grant multi-stage consent in relation thereto.
- 3.2 In the event that the Company wishes to update or amend the OWF OMP, 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.
- 3.3 Unless otherwise agreed, in writing by the Scottish Ministers, all works must proceed in accordance with the OWF OMP.
- 3.4 This Decision Notice has been published on the Scottish Government's website: <u>http://marine.gov.scot/ml/seagreen-alpha-and-bravo-offshore-wind-farms</u>
- 3.5 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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