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ECU Refence: ECU00003423

Submission Date: 17th November 2023

Dear Eleanor,

CULACHY WIND FARM APPLICATION FOR CONSENT UNDER SECTION 36 OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT 1989, AS AMENDED (ECU CASE REFERENCE: ECU00003423) AND DEEMED PLANNING PERMISSION TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE CULACHY WIND FARM IN THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL.

On behalf of Fred. Olsen Renewables Limited (“the Applicant”), please find enclosed an application for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 as amended, together with a direction under section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (the 1997 Act), as amended, to construct and operate a generating station incorporating wind turbine generators, energy storage and associated infrastructure with a generation capacity of greater than 50 MW.

The project is to be referred to as Culachy Wind Farm (“the Proposed Development”). The Proposed Development comprises up to 8 wind turbines with a maximum blade tip height of up to 200 m, a battery and energy storage system, and up to 678 ha of biodiversity enhancement. The site located 900 m south of Fort Augustus, with the closest proposed turbines approximately 6.5 km from Fort Augustus and Invergarry, in the Highland Council planning authority area, Scotland.

This application is supported by an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report, which reports the finding of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) undertaken by ITP Energised. The EIA Report has been prepared in accordance with Section 36 of the Electricity Act and The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (‘the EIA Regulations’). The EIA process has identified and evaluated the potential environmental impacts of the Proposed Development.

This application is accompanied by the following:

EIA Report

- Non-technical Summary;
- Volume 1: Written Statement;
- Volume 2: Figures;
- Volume 3: Visualisations;
- Volume 4: Technical Appendices;
- Volume 5: Highland Council Visualisations;
- Confidential Appendix;

Other accompanying application documents:

- Pre-Application Consultation Report;
- Planning Statement;

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The application fee of £150,000.00 has been transferred by BACS to the nominated Scottish Government bank account by Fred. Olsen Renewables Limited.

ITP Energised on behalf of the Applicant will arrange for the advertisement of the notice of the application and accompanying EIA Report in accordance with the requirements of the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017. Copies of these notices will be provided to ECU once advertised. The application will be advertised in accordance with legislation as follows:

- Edinburgh Gazette for one week;
- A national newspaper (The Herald) for one week;
- The Inverness Courier for two consecutive weeks; and
- on the developers' application website - <https://culachywind.co.uk/>.

The advertisement will provide details of the date by when representations should be made. The Scottish Government will invite formal representations on the Proposed Development, which will be considered before any decision is reached on the application.

Hard copies of the application documentation including the EIA Report documentation will be made available for public viewing during opening hours at the following locations:

- Fort Augustus Village Hall

Based on the information provided in the supporting documents that are lodged in support of this application, the Applicant requests that the Scottish Ministers grant section 36 consent under the 1989 Act and make a direction under section 57(2) of the 1997 Act granting deemed planning permission for the Proposed Development subject to planning conditions.

All correspondence in relation to this application should be directed to Niamh Hurley of ITP Energised, at the following email address: niamh.hurely@itpennergised.com

I trust the enclosed information is sufficient for you to formally validate and commence consideration of the application. I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt and validation of the application by email. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

Rachel O'Donnell

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