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16 October 2012

Dear Sir,

Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended)
Application for Planning Permission in Principle
For the Erection of an Electricity Substation / Converter Station at Blackhillock, south of Keith, with Access Road, Ancillary Works and Underground Cable Link to Portgordon, all to Service Beatrice Offshore Wind Farm

Beatrice Offshore Windfarm Limited (BOWL) is a joint venture company with 75% of its share capital held by SSE Renewables Holdings (UK) Limited and 25% held by Repsol Beatrice Limited (a wholly owned subsidiary of Repsol Nuevas Energias UK Limited).

Consent is being sought from Scottish Ministers for the Beatrice Offshore Wind Farm and Offshore Transmission Works under The Marine (Scotland) Act 2010, The Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 and The Electricity Act 1989.

BOWL hereby submits an application for Planning Permission in Principle for the erection of an electricity substation / converter station at Blackhillock with underground cable link to Portgordon to service Beatrice Offshore Wind Farm as described in the accompanying application forms and the Environmental Statement. This application was submitted online through the ePlanning portal under reference: 000050383-001 on the 16th October 2012.

Planning Application Documentation

The following documents have been uploaded as part of the online submission:

- Application form;
- Ownership Certificates;
- Location Plan (Figure 1 at 1:70,000);
- Planning Drawings:

- Figure 2 – Indicative Layout – Section 1 (1:25,000);
- Figure 3 – Indicative Layout – Section 2 (1:25,000);
- Figure 4A – Indicative AC Layout and Access Options – Section 3 (1:25,000);
- Figure 4B – Indicative DC Layout and Access Options – Section 3 (1:25,000);
- Figure 5 – Indicative Layout – Section 1 (1:10,000);
- Figure 6 – Indicative Layout – Section 2 (1:10,000);
- Figure 7 – Indicative Layout – Section 3 (1:10,000);
- Figure 8 – Indicative Layout – Section 4 (1:10,000);
- Figure 9 – Indicative Layout – Section 5 (1:10,000);
- Figure 10 – Indicative Layout – Section 6 (1:10,000);
- Figure 11 – Indicative Layout – Section 7 (1:10,000);
- Figure 12A – Indicative AC Layout and Access Options – Section 8 (1:10,000);
- Figure 12B – Indicative DC Layout and Access Options – Section 8 (1:10,000);
- Figure 13 – Landscape Framework – *indicative only*;
- Figure 14A - Overall Layout – AC Variant - *indicative only*;
- Figure 14B - Overall Layout – DC Variant - *indicative only*;
- Figure 15A – Temporary Layout - CDM and Laydown areas - AC Variant - *indicative only*;
- Figure 15B – Temporary Layout - CDM and Laydown areas - DC Variant - *indicative only*;
- Figure 16A – Overall Layout – Topographical Map – AC Variant - *indicative only*;
- Figure 16B – Overall Layout – Topographical Map – DC Variant - *indicative only*;
- Figure 17A - Elevations AC Variant - *indicative only*;
- Figure 17B - Elevations DC Variant - *indicative only*;

A CD has been sent to The Moray Council by Special Delivery containing the following documents:

- Environmental Statement Volume 1: Main Text;
- Environmental Statement Volume 2: Figures;
- Environmental Statement Volume 3: LVIA Figures;
- Environmental Statement Volume 4: Technical Annexes plus Confidential Annex;
- Environmental Statement Non Technical Summary (NTS);
- Design and Access Statement; and
- Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report.

A Planning Statement will follow at a later date to accompany this application.

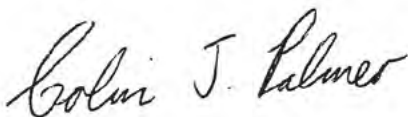
Hard Copies for Viewing

Hard copies of the above documents (excluding ownership certificates) will be made available for viewing at the following locations once the application has been validated:

- The Moray Council Planning Office, High Street, Elgin, IV30 1BX.
- Keith Library, Union Street, Keith, AB55 5DP.
- Buckie Library, Cluny Place, Buckie, AB56 1HB.

We look forward to hearing from you in relation to the validation of this application, in particular to the planning fee which is required. Please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,



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