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Dear Rebecca,

Pentland Floating Offshore Wind Farm: Application for Section 36 Consent, Section 36A Declaration and Marine Licences.

Highland Wind Limited (HWL) hereby submits an application for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 for the construction and operation of an offshore generating station. Two Marine Licence applications are also being applied for, under Part 4 (Section 20) of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010, for the deposit of substances and objects and the construction, alteration, or improvement of works within the Scottish Marine Area in relation to the Pentland Floating Offshore Wind Farm (PFOWF). One Marine Licence application is made for the Offshore Wind Farm and one Marine Licence application is made for the associated Offshore Transmission Works.

A declaration under Section 36A of the Electricity Act 1989 to extinguish public rights of navigation so far as they pass through those places within the Scottish Marine Area where the floating turbines will be located (and not the areas of sea between those structures) is also being made.

The PFOWF is situated approximately 7.5 km off the coast of Dounreay, Caithness. The Section 36 application specifically requests consent for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the offshore components of the PFOWF as follows:

- > Up to seven offshore Wind Turbine Generators (WTGs);
- > Up to seven associated floating substructures;
- > Up to nine moorings for each floating substructure (63 in total);
- > Up to nine anchors or piles for each floating substructure (63 in total);
- > Up to seven inter-array cables (dynamic and static);
- > Up to two offshore export cables (continuation of inter-array cables) and
- > Associated scour protection and cable protection (if required).

Once commissioned, the operational life of the PFOWF is anticipated to be 30 years.

The onshore components of the PFOWF (above mean low water springs) will be subject to a separate application to the Highland Council under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended).

The documentation submitted, together comprising the application, consists of:

- > This letter;
- > Marine Licence application for the PFOWF – Offshore Wind Farm (floating WTGs, inter-array cabling and scour and cable protection as required), including supporting maps and coordinates;
- > Marine Licence application for the PFOWF – Offshore Transmission Works (offshore export cable and cable protection as required), including supporting maps and coordinates;
- > Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR), comprising:
 - o Volume 1: Non-Technical Summary;

- Volume 2: Main Report;
 - Volume 3: Technical Appendices; and
 - Volume 4: Visual Materials.
- > Report to Inform the Appropriate Assessment (RIAA);
 - > Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report; and
 - > Planning and Policy Statement (PPS)

Application fees for the sum of [REDACTED] will be submitted electronically to the Scottish Government.

Notice of this application will be placed in the John O'Groats Journal, and the Scotsman newspapers, the Edinburgh Gazette, Lloyd's List and the Fishing News Bulletin on dates agreed with the Marine Scotland Licensing Operations Team. A copy of the application and the documents enclosed will be made available at <https://pentlandfloatingwind.com/>.

HWL look forward to hearing from you in relation to the formal acceptance of the applications.

Please do not hesitate to contact Peter Moore [REDACTED] if we can be of any assistance.

Yours sincerely,



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