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ECU Ref: ECU00003353

Application for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 and direction for deemed planning permission under Section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 10997, as amended (ECU case reference: EC00003353) to construct and operate Hollandmey Renewable Energy Development, in the Highland Council Planning Authority Area

Dear Mr [REDACTED],

Please find enclosed an application for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act (1989) and deemed planning permission for the proposed Hollandmey Renewable Energy Development. The application is made by ScottishPower Renewables (UK) Limited (SPR).

SPR is applying to construct and operate in perpetuity, a renewable energy development, known as Hollandmey Renewable Energy Development, at Hollandmey, located approximately 8 km south west of John o' Groats and 16 km east of Thurso, in the Highlands (central grid reference NGR ND 29621 69892). The Site is privately owned and covers an area of approximately 1149 ha, falling within The Highland Council local authority area. The proposed generating station has an installed capacity of up to 65 MW, comprising 10 wind turbines with a ground to blade tip height of 149.9 m with a generating capacity of around 50 MW, and around 15 MW of ground mounted solar arrays. The proposed Development also includes approximately 15 MW of battery energy storage (BESS).

RSK are acting as the agent and lead consultant for this application and hereby submit this application to the Scottish Ministers on behalf of SPR. The fee for the application has been paid and confirmed as received by the Energy Consents Unit (ECU) on 10 November 2020.

Environmental Impact Assessment

This application is supported by an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report, which presents the results of the EIA undertaken by RSK. The EIA has been prepared in accordance with Section 36 of the Electricity Act and The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017



(as amended) (the EIA Regulations). The EIA process has identified and assessed the potential environmental impacts of the proposed Development.

Advertisement

RSK has arranged for a Public Notice, which was approved by the ECU, to be advertised providing notification of the submission of an application for consent in accordance with the requirements of the Electricity Act (Applications for Consent) Regulations 1990 (as amended) and the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017. Hard copies of the notices will be provided to the ECU once advertised.

The newspaper adverts will be published as follows:

- The Herald – 26 November 2021
- Edinburgh Gazette – 26 November 2021
- The John O' Groats Journal – 26 November and 3 December 2021
- The Caithness Courier – 1 and 8 December 2021

The closing date for responses to the advertisements is 11 January 2022.

Application Documents

This application is supported by the following documents, as required, which have been uploaded to the ECU's Portal:

- Copy of the public notice to be placed in newspapers;
- Application boundary figure (see EIA Report Volume 2, Figure 1.2);
- EIA Report, comprising:
 - Volume 1 - Non-technical Summary (NTS);
 - Volume 2 - Main Report;
 - Volume 3 - Figures and Visualisations;
 - Volume 4 - Technical Appendices;
- Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report; and
- Planning Statement.

The Carbon Calculator online tool has been completed and submitted to the ECU on 19 November 2021, reference: 3EZL-Q6ON-LGUP.

Copies of the application documents are available for public inspection, free of charge on the application website:

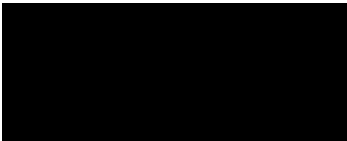
https://www.scottishpowerrenewables.com/pages/hollandmey_renewable_energy_development.aspx or on the Scottish Government Energy Consents website at www.energyconsents.scot.

I trust the information provided and set out above 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 get in contact with me if you have any queries or require any further information

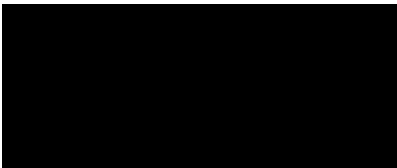
Yours sincerely,

For RSK Company Limited



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