

The Scottish Government
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ECU Refence: ECU00002216

Date:
17.12.21

Dear Tony,

LETHEN WIND FARM APPLICATION FOR CONSENT UNDER SECTION 36 OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT 1989, AS AMENDED (ECU CASE REFERENCE: ECU00002216) AND DEEMED PLANNING PERMISSION TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE LETHEN 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 Lethen Wind Farm (“the Proposed Development”). The Proposed Development comprises a generating station consisting of up to 17 wind turbines on a site located 10 km north-west of Grantown-on-Spey and 14 km east of Tomatin, 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: Technical Appendices;
- Volume 4: Visualisations
- Volume 5: Highland Council Visualisations
- Confidential Appendix;

Other accompanying application documents:

- Statement of Consultation;
- Planning Statement;

Under the Electricity Works (Miscellaneous Temporary Modifications) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020, the requirement for developers to make Section 36 application documents including the EIA Report available for public inspection in hard copies, has been temporarily suspended during the COVID-19 pandemic. Instead, there is a temporary requirement to make them available via an online website. In accordance with this, all application documents (with the exception of the EIA Report: Confidential Annex) will be available via the ECU website (www.energyconsents.scot/Default.aspx). The EIA Report, including all figures, technical appendixes and accompanying documents are also available to view on the project website (www.fredolsenrenewables.com/windfarms/lethen/).

The application fee of £180,000.00 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 (Applications for Consent) Regulations 1990 as amended and 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 Strathspey and Badenoch Herald; and
- on the developers' application website.

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 taken into account before any decision is reached on the application.

On the basis of 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 Anna Hudson of ITP Energised, at the following email address: [REDACTED].

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 get in contact with me if you have any queries or require any further information.

Yours sincerely

Julie Aitken

Senior Project Manager | Fred. Olsen Renewables Limited
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