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Dear Carlyne,

**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 1997, AS AMENDED (ECU CASE REFERENCE:
EC00001930) TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE ACHANY EXTENSION WIND FARM, IN THE
HIGHLAND COUNCIL PLANNING AUTHORITY AREA**

SSE Generation Limited (SSEG) “the Applicant” is applying under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 for consent, together with a direction under section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 for deemed planning permission to be granted to construct and operate Achany Extension Wind Farm, an extension to the operational onshore Achany Wind Farm, to maximise the renewable energy generation potential at the site. Consent is sought for a period of 50 years.

The Proposed Development comprises a generating station consisting of a wind farm with up to 20 Wind Turbine Generators with a maximum tip height of up to 149.9m, supported by ancillary development. The Proposed Development is located on the adjoining land to the north-west of the operational Achany Wind Farm and is approximately 4.5 kilometres (km) north of the village of Rosehall and approximately 11km west-north-west of Lairg, in the Highlands.

The EIA Report has been prepared in accordance with The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017, as amended and The Electricity Works (Miscellaneous Temporary Modifications) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020.

The documentation submitted with this application includes:

- EIA Report, comprising;
 - Volume 1: Non-Technical Summary;
 - Volume 2: Main Report;
 - Volume 3: Figures;
 - Volume 3A: Landscape and Visual Photomontages (NatureScot Methodology);
 - Volume 3B: Landscape and Visual Photomontages (The Highland Council Methodology); and
 - Volume 4: Technical Appendices.

- Supporting Documents:
 - Pre-Application Consultation Report;
 - Planning Statement; and
 - this covering letter.

A confidential annex has also been produced containing sensitive species information. This will be provided to the Energy Consents Unit and NatureScot on request.

A copy of the application will be served on the Highland Council as planning authority in accordance with The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017.

The application and this EIA Report will be advertised in accordance with The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017, as follows:

- The Edinburgh Gazette (30th July 2021);
- The Herald (30th July 2021);
- The Northern Times (30th July 2021 and 6th August 2021); and
- The application website: <https://www.sserenewables.com/achanyextension/>

Yours sincerely



Karen Anderson
Consent Manager

cc The Highland Council