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For the attention of Tony Young

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Date: 28.04.20

Dear Tony,

CLOICHE WIND FARM

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: EC00002054) TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE CLOICHE 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 Cloiche Wind Farm; a new onshore wind farm to generate renewable electricity from wind power. Consent is sought for a period of 50 years.

The proposed development is located on Glendoe and Garrogie Estates, adjacent to the operational 66 turbine Stronelairg Wind Farm and the 100 Megawatt (MW) Glendoe Hydroelectric Scheme. The proposed wind farm is located in the Highlands, approximately 11 kilometres (km) to the south-east of Fort Augustus.

The principal components of the proposed development comprise:

- Thirty six wind turbines of up to 149.9m tip height with internal transformers;
- Crane hardstanding and associated laydown area at each wind turbine location;
- On site access tracks (of which approximately 26km are new access tracks and approximately 29km are existing tracks where upgrades may be undertaken to facilitate delivery of the wind turbine components);
- A new on-site substation;
- A network of underground cabling to connect each wind turbine to the on-site substation;



- Up to two LiDAR units to collect meteorological and wind speed data, and associated hard stand; and
- Any associated ancillary works required.

An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report is submitted with the application in accordance with The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017.

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 (Scottish Natural Heritage Methodology);
 - Volume 3B: Landscape and Visual Photomontages (The Highland Council Methodology); and
 - Volume 4: Technical Appendices.
- Planning Statement; and
- this covering letter.

A confidential annex has also been produced containing sensitive information on protected birds. This will be provided to Scottish Natural Heritage and the Energy Consents Unit 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 (01/05/2020);
- The Inverness Courier (01/05/2020 and 08/05/2020);
- The Herald (01/05/2020); and
- The application website (www.sse.com/cloiche).

Yours sincerely

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Consents Manager

CC. The Highland Council