



Gordonbush Extension Wind Farm

Environmental Statement

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Preface

This Environmental Statement (ES), prepared in accordance with the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (as amended), accompanies an application (the Application) made by SSE Generation Ltd (the Applicant) to the Scottish Ministers for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989, and deemed planning permission under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, as amended, section 57 (2) to construct and operate a wind farm of up to 56MW at Gordonbush Estate, north-west of Brora in Sutherland.

The ES comprises the following volumes:

- Volume 1: Non-Technical Summary;
- Volume 2: Written Statement;
- Volume 3: Figures;
- Volume 3A: SNH Landscape and Visual Wirelines and Photomontages;
- Volume 3B: The Highland Council Landscape and Visual Wirelines and Photomontages; and
- Volume 4: Technical Appendices.

Additional documentation that has been submitted with the Application includes:

- Planning Statement; and
- Cover letter, confirming deposit locations for ES.

The ES documents (Non-Technical Summary, Written Statement, Figures and Technical Appendices) and associated documents are available for viewing at the following locations, as requested by and agreed with The Highland Council:

The Highland Council
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The ES will also be available for purchase, at £1,400 for paper copies and £10 for an electronic version on CD, from:

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The Application and ES has been advertised in the following newspapers:

- Edinburgh Gazette;
- The Herald; and
- The Northern Times.