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**Dear Carlyne,**

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO SUPPORT 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 Applicant submitted an application in July 2021 to the Scottish Ministers 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 an extension to the operational Achany Wind Farm to maximise the renewable electricity generation potential at the site. The proposed wind farm, called ‘Achany Extension Wind Farm’ and referred to hereafter as ‘the Proposed Development’, is located on the adjoining land to the north-west of the operational Achany Wind Farm. The application sought consent for a generating station consisting of a wind farm with up to 20 Wind Turbine Generators (WTGs) with a maximum tip height of up to 149.9m, supported by ancillary development.

Since submission of the application, changes have been made to the layout of the Proposed Development following a consultation response from The Highland Council, which includes removing two turbines (Turbine 10 and 20), and associated infrastructure.

The Applicant has prepared additional information with respect to the changes, where relevant, to matters dealt with in the EIA Report (July 2021). This has been done in the expectation that Ministers will treat the report as Additional Information under the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (the EIA Regulations). The purpose of the additional information is to

demonstrate the nature and extent of any change in the assessment of environmental impacts that would result from the proposed changes, or record where there is no change.

The documentation submitted as part of additional information includes:

- Additional Information Report, comprising;
  - Volume 1: Additional Information – Main Report
  - Volume 2: Figures
  - Volume 3: Visualisation Pack
  - Volume 4: Appendices
  
- Supporting Documents:
  - Planning Statement; and
  - this covering letter.

The documentation provided supplements the information already provided in the Achany Extension Wind Farm EIA Report (July 2021), and therefore should be read alongside the EIA Report.

The additional information will be advertised in accordance with The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017, as follows:

- The Edinburgh Gazette (6<sup>th</sup> May 2022);
- The Northern Times (6<sup>th</sup> May 2022); and
- The application website: <https://www.sserenewables.com/achanyextension/>

Yours sincerely



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cc The Highland Council