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For the attention of Debbie Flaherty

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Dear Ms Flaherty,

THE ELECTRICITY GENERATING STATIONS (APPLICATIONS FOR VARIATION OF CONSENT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 APPLICATION FOR VARIATION UNDER SECTION 36C OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT 1989 AND DIRECTION UNDER SECTION 57(2ZA) OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 THAT DEEMED PLANNING PERMISSION IS VARIED, OF THE SECTION 36 CONSENT TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE TANGY IV WIND FARM, WITHIN THE PLANNING AUTHORITY AREA OF THE ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL.

SSE Generation Limited “the Applicant” seeks a variation under Section 36C of the Electricity Act 1989 and the Electricity Generating Stations (Applications for Variation of Consent) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 to the Description of Development provided in Annex 1 of the Section 36 Consent for the proposed Tangy IV Wind Farm.

The Applicant also seeks a direction under Section 57(2ZA) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 to vary the deemed planning permission granted pursuant to the Section 36 Consent. That direction is sought to vary specified conditions in Annex 2 of the Section 36 Consent, and to apply appropriate conditions to the deemed planning permission as varied to reflect the proposed amendments to the Description of Development and any consequential changes arising from the variation.

This application under Section 36C and Section 57(2ZA) is hereinafter referred to as the “Variation Application”.

Tangy IV Wind Farm was granted consent on 20 December 2019 under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 and a condition was applied which required development to commence within five years of the date consent was granted. Prior to the expiry of that period, the Applicant submitted a formal written request to the Energy Consents Unit seeking an extension to the commencement period for the S.36 element of the consent for a further four years. On 28 October 2024 the Energy Consents Unit agreed to extend the commencement period, meaning the Section 36 element of the consent now expires on 20 December 2028.

To establish commencement of development under the deemed planning permission, the Applicant undertook enabling works in November 2024, comprising the construction of passing places within the consented red line boundary. Those works were carried out pursuant to the deemed planning permission. Argyll and Bute Council, as the relevant planning authority in respect of that permission, confirmed in writing that those works constituted material operations and therefore commencement of development for the purposes of Section 26

of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997. The S.36 consent is accordingly live and extant, and this application under Section 36C of the Electricity Act 1989 is competent

In accordance with The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017, the documentation submitted with this application includes:

- The EIAR, which itself comprises of the following volumes:
 - Volume 1: Non-Technical Summary (NTS);
 - Volume 2: Main Report;
 - Volume 3a: Figures;
 - Volume 3b: Visualisations;
 - Volume 4: Technical Appendices; and
 - Volume 5: Confidential Annex.
- Supporting Documents which comprise:
 - Planning Statement;
 - Pre-Application Consultation Report;
 - Peat Landslide Hazard Risk Assessment;
 - Socio-Economic Report; and
 - This covering letter and its appendices

This cover letter includes the following appendices:

- Cover Letter – Appendix 1: Decision Letter – Tangy IV Wind Farm S36
- Cover Letter – Appendix 2: Draft Variations to Annex 1 and 2
- Cover Letter – Appendix 3: Figure 1.3: Proposed Varied Development Layout
- Cover Letter – Appendix 4: Public Notice
- Cover Letter – Appendix 5: Marine Directorate Checklist

In accordance with Regulation 3(1)(b), the Proposed Varied Development is a 16-turbine wind farm with associated ancillary infrastructure located 3 kilometres north of Kilchenzie, Kintyre. The British National Grid (BNG) reference for the centre point of the Turbine Development Area is X:167840, Y:629095. The site is contained entirely within the Argyll & Bute Council planning authority area. A map of the site area and the new site layout is included as **Appendix 3**.

In accordance with Regulation 3(1)(c) the reasons for seeking a variation to the current Section 36 consent are stated in the Non-Technical Summary of the EIA Report that accompanies this Variation Application and are summarised below:

- The onshore wind turbine market has moved towards larger, more efficient machines, and manufacturers are increasingly phasing out turbines of the smaller dimensions consented in 2019. A variation to increase the tip height is therefore necessary to enable a turbine that is available to be procured and installed;
- The increase in tip height would substantially increase the energy yield from the Consented Development, thus improving the commercial viability of the project;
- Track modifications, re-alignments, and repositioning of turbine hardstandings optimise the site layout, resulting in associated environmental benefits; and

- The Proposed Varied Development would make an even greater contribution to the achievement of legally binding UK and Scottish Government net-zero targets.

In accordance with Regulation 3(1)(d) a draft of the requested variations to Annex 1 and Annex 2 of the Section 36 consent is provided in **Appendix 2**.

The Proposed changes to the Annex 1 Description of Development are principally:

- An increase in Wind Turbine Generator (WTG) tip height from 149.9m to up to 200m, with associated changes to the nominal hub height and rotor diameter;
- An associated increase to hardstanding and laydown areas at each WTG location;
- Optimisation and slight increase in length of access tracks;
- Relocation of consented substation to the north-west of the site to enable a more efficient grid connection route and increase in size of proposed substation platform;
- Removal of a consented site substation and removal of consented operations control building that are no longer needed.

The Proposed changes to Annex 2 Conditions vary the following conditions:

- Conditions attached to the Section 36 consent
 - Condition 1: Commencement of Development
- Conditions attached to the deemed planning permission
 - Condition 5: Implementation in accordance with approved plans
 - Condition 9: Wind Turbine Locations and Micro-sitting
 - Condition 10: Decommissioning Method Statement – Tangy I and Tangy II
 - Condition 12: Construction Environmental Management Plan
 - Condition 13: Peat Management Plan
 - Condition 14: Shadow Flicker
 - Condition 20: Water Quality and Fish Monitoring Programme
 - Condition 21: Habitat Management Plan
 - Condition 32: Aviation Lighting
 - Condition 33: Forestry – Compensatory Planting
 - Condition 34: Noise

The variation application also requests that a direction be made by the Scottish Ministers under section 57(2ZA) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 that deemed planning permission be varied for the development.

In accordance with Regulation 3(2) it is proposed that the section 57(2ZA) direction should be made to allow adequate time to finalise the detailed design following consent and prepare and procure services and equipment ahead of construction commencement.

In accordance with Regulations 4(2)(a) and 4(2)(c), as well as The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017, the application and EIA Report will be advertised as follows:

- The Edinburgh Gazette: (17 July 2026)
- The Herald: (17 July 2026)

- The Campbeltown Courier: (17 July and 24 July 2026)
- The application website (<https://www.sserenewables.com/onshore-wind/in-development/tangy-repower/>)

In accordance with Regulation 4(2)(b), a copy of the application will be served on Argyll & Bute Council as lead planning authority. Notice has also been served on the landowner, in compliance with Regulation 4(2)(d).

A copy of the agreed public notice is enclosed with this letter (**Appendix 4**).

On the basis of the information provided in the supporting documents that are lodged in support of this application and having regards to the additional information provided in this application letter to meet the requirements of Regulation 3 of the 2013 Regulations, the Applicant requests that the Scottish Ministers grant the Variation Application and make the proposed variations to the current Section 36 consent and make the Section 57(2ZA) direction sought, subject to such other directions or conditions as the Scottish Ministers consider to be appropriate.

Yours sincerely,

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