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Dear Mr Leach

Thank you for your letter dated 15 August 2024 seeking an extension to the date of commencement of the development of the consent for the Tangy IV Wind Farm from 5 years to 9 years.

As you are aware, the consent for the Tangy IV Wind Farm development was granted on 20 December 2019 by the Scottish Ministers and states at condition 1 of Part One:

- (1) Development shall be commenced no later than 5 years from the date of this consent, or in substitution such period as the Scottish Ministers may hereafter direct in writing.
- (2) Written confirmation of the intended date of Commencement of Development shall be provided to both the Planning Authority and the Scottish Ministers as soon as is practicable after deciding on such a date.

Reason: *To avoid uncertainty and ensure that consent is implemented within a reasonable period, and to allow the Planning Authority and the Scottish Ministers to monitor compliance with obligations attached to this consent and deemed planning permission as appropriate.*

Notification

The Scottish Ministers notified SEPA, NatureScot, Historic Environment Scotland (HES) and Argyll and Bute Council advising of the request for an extension and inviting comments.

SEPA, HES and NatureScot responded with no objection to the proposed extension of time.



Argyll and Bute Council did not provide comments. The Scottish Ministers remain satisfied however that all appropriate safeguards relating to their interests are addressed in planning conditions which they will discharge, monitor and enforce.

The Scottish Ministers Considerations

The Scottish Ministers are satisfied that the consented development is supported by policy, primarily in that it makes a noteworthy contribution towards meeting greenhouse gas emission and renewable electricity targets.

The Scottish Ministers have considered your request and are content to afford the additional time period of 4 years, for the commencement date of the section 36 consent, to enable this project to be fully realised.

The Scottish Ministers therefore direct that for the purposes of condition 1(1) of the Tangy IV Wind Farm section 36 consent, commencement of development must be no later than 9 years from the date of the grant of the section 36 consent.

The Scottish Ministers grant your request for an extension to the commencement of development date of the section 36 consent for the Tangy IV Wind Farm development described in the decision letter dated 20 December 2019. **The section 36 consent Commencement of the Development must be no later than 20 December 2028.**

In terms of condition 1(1), if Commencement of the Development does not occur within the 9 year period ending 20 December 2028 the application site must (unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Scottish Ministers), within 6 months of the expiry of that period, be fully reinstated by the Company to the specification and satisfaction of the Scottish Ministers, in consultation with the Planning Authority.

Yours sincerely,

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