

Preface

- 1.1.1. SSE Generation Ltd (the 'Applicant') is applying under Section 36C ('S.36C') of the Electricity Act 1989 and the Electricity Generating Stations (Applications for Variation of Consent) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 ('the 2013 Regulations') to vary Tangy IV Wind Farm's Section 36 ('S.36') consent granted by Scottish Ministers on 20 December 2019 (ECU Case Reference: ECU00000673). This consent allows for the construction and operation of Tangy IV Wind Farm which comprised 16 wind turbines with maximum tip heights of 149.9 metres, alongside associated infrastructure ('the Consented Development').
- 1.1.2. The Applicant is also applying for a direction under Section 57(2ZA) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 ('the 1997 Act') for variation of the planning permission deemed to be granted for the Consented Development.
- 1.1.3. This Environmental Impact Assessment ('EIA') Report is submitted with the application in accordance with The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (the "2017 Regulations"). References to the S.36C application in this EIA Report should be read as including the request for the S57(2ZA) direction.
- 1.1.4. This application to vary under S.36C and Section 57 (2ZA) is seeking to vary the S.36 consent and deemed permission to increase the tip height from 149.9 m to 200 m; an associated increase to the hardstanding area; refinement of turbine locations and associated ancillary equipment; increased track layout and inclusion of turning heads. Changes to the substation are also proposed, including the removal of one consented site substation, the relocation of the remaining substation to the north-west of the site, and an increase in the footprint of the remaining substation platform.
- 1.1.5. In addition to seeking a variation to the Annex 1 Description of Development in relation to the Consented Development, the applicant seeks variations to certain conditions contained in Annex 2 of the S.36 Consent and deemed permission, to reflect the changes to the description of the development and to update the conditions.
- 1.1.6. A copy of the application will be served on the planning authority, Argyll and Bute Council ('A&BC'), in accordance with the Electricity Generating Stations (Applications for Variation of Consent) (Scotland) Regulations 2013, as amended ('the 2013 Regulations').

- 1.1.7. The Applicant has prepared an EIA Report to accompany the variation application. This EIA Report comprises the following volumes:
- Volume 1: Non-Technical Summary;
 - Volume 2: Main Report;
 - Volume 3a: Figures;
 - Volume 3b: Visualisations; and
 - Volume 4: Technical Appendices;
- 1.1.8. Additional documents that have been submitted with the S.36C application include:
- Planning Statement;
 - Maximising Socio-Economic Benefits Framework Report;
 - Pre-Application Consultation ('PAC') Report
 - Peat Hazard Landslide Risk Assessment; and
 - Cover letter.
- 1.1.9. The S.36C application and EIA Report has been advertised in accordance with the 2013 Regulations and the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (As amended) (the '2017 Regulations') is available to view at the following locations:
- 1.1.10. An electronic version is available online at the Scottish Government Portal: <https://www.energyconsents.scot/ApplicationSearch.aspx> and on the Applicant's website at: <https://www.sserenewables.com/tangyrepower/>
- 1.1.11. The S.36C and the EIA Report is available for viewing at the following locations:
- Argyll and Bute Council, Customer Service Point, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RD, Mon – Fri from 9am – 12.30 and 1.30 – 4pm;
 - Chair of West Kintyre Community Council, Birchfield, Whitehouse, By Tarbert, PA29 6XS. Viewing by appointment, please call Chair of West Kintyre Community Council on 07506 833280.
 - Campbeltown Library, Aqualibrium, Kinloch Road, Campbeltown, PA28 6EH, Tues from 9.30am – 4.30pm, Wed & Thu from 9.30am – 6.30pm and on Fri and Sat from 9.30am to 1.30pm
 - Carradale Village Hall, Carradale, PA28 6QG, Monday - Friday 9am-5pm. Viewings at weekends by arrangement on 07884470460
- 1.1.12. The Applicant has worked closely with the ECU to ensure all statutory consultees receive a physical copy of this EIA Report, if required and upon request. In the interests of sustainability, reference to the paperless version is strongly encouraged. For anyone who has difficulty accessing the documentation online, hard copies of the EIA Report may be obtained from SSE Generation Limited (contact: SSE Generation Ltd, FAO Onshore Development Team, 1 Waterloo Street, Glasgow, G2 6AY or

OWSBSupport@sse.com) at a charge of £1,500 per copy, or £15 per disk/USB memory stick. Hard copies of a short Non-Technical Summary are available free of charge.

- 1.1.13. Any representations in respect of the application may be submitted via the Energy Consents Unit ('ECU') website at www.energyconsents.scot/Register.aspx; by email to The Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit mailbox at representations@gov.scot or by post, to The Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit, 4th Floor, 5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow, G2 8LU, identifying the proposal and specifying the grounds of representation.
- 1.1.14. Written or emailed representations should be dated, clearly stating the name (in block capitals), full return email and postal address of those making representations. Only representations sent by email to representations@gov.scot will receive acknowledgement.
- 1.1.15. All representations should be received not later than the date falling 30 days from the date of the last published notice, although Ministers may consider representations received after this date. Any subsequent additional information which is submitted by the Applicant will be subject to further public notice in this manner, and representations to such information will be accepted as per this notice.
- 1.1.16. The S.36C application has been advertised in the following newspapers:
 - The Herald;
 - The Edinburgh Gazette; and
 - The Campbeltown Courier.