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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 10997, as amended (ECU case reference ECU00004778) to construct and operate Harestanes West Windfarm, in the Dumfries and Galloway Authority Area.

Dear Cheryl,

Please find enclosed an application for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act (1989) and deemed planning permission for the proposed Harestanes West Windfarm. The application is made by ScottishPower Renewables (UK) Limited (SPR).

SPR is applying to construct and operate for a period of 40 years, the Harestanes West Windfarm (the 'proposed Development'). It is situated north-west of the village of Ae, approximately 1.3 kilometres (km) to the Site (the area within the Application Boundary) and 2.2 km to the nearest proposed turbine, and approximately 13 km north of Dumfries. The centre of the turbine area is at Grid Reference NX9599391814. The majority of the Site is currently utilised for commercial forestry, managed by Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS). The Site is within the Dumfries and Galloway Council local authority area.

The proposed generating station has an installed capacity of approximately 84 MW, comprising 12 wind turbines, six with a maximum height of 220 m and six with a maximum height of 200 m.

RSK Environment Limited (RSK) is acting as the agent and lead consultant for this application and hereby submit this application to the Scottish Ministers on behalf of SPR. The fee for the application has been paid and confirmed as received by the Energy Consents Unit (ECU) on 16th January 2025.

Environmental Impact Assessment

This application is accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report, which presents the results of the EIA undertaken by RSK. The EIA has been prepared in accordance with Section 36 of the Electricity Act and The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations



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2017 (as amended) (the EIA Regulations). The EIA process has identified and assessed the potential environmental impacts of the proposed Development.

Advertisement and Notification

RSK has arranged for a Public Notice, which was approved by the ECU, to be advertised providing notification of the submission of an application for consent in accordance with the requirements of the Electricity Act (Applications for Consent) Regulations 1990 (as amended) and the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (as amended). Hard copies of the notices will be provided to the ECU once advertised.

The newspaper adverts will be published as follows:

- The Herald on Friday 24th January;
- Edinburgh Gazette on Friday 24th January;
- Dumfries Courier on Friday 24th and Friday 31st January;
- Annandale Herald & Moffat News on Thursday 23rd and Thursday 30th January; and
- Annandale Observer on Friday 24th and Friday 31st January.

The closing date for responses to the advertisements is **10th March 2025**.

The following Community Councils have been sent an email notifying them of the application and where to view the planning application documents via email:

- Ae Community Council;
- Auldgirth and District Community Council;
- Closeburn Community Council;
- Keir Community Council;
- Kirkmahoe Community Council;
- Kirkmichael Community Council;
- Lochmaben and District Community Council; and
- Tinwald Parish Community Council.

Furthermore, the following Ward 8 (Lochar) Local Councillors sent an email notifying them of the application and where to view the planning application documents via email:

- Linda Dorward;
- Ivor Hyslop;
- Maureen Johnstone; and
- Tracy Little.



Application Documents

This application is accompanied by the following documents, as required, which have been uploaded to the ECU's Portal:

- Copy of the public notice to be placed in newspapers;
- Application Boundary figure (see EIA Report Volume 3, Figure 1.2);
- EIA Report, comprising:
 - Volume 1 - Non-technical Summary (NTS);
 - Volume 2 - Main Report;
 - Volume 3 - Figures and Visualisations;
 - Volume 3a: Figures
 - Volume 3b: Visualisations for Viewpoints 1 - 19
 - Volume 3c: Additional Visualisations;
 - Volume 4 - Technical Appendices;
- Socio-economic Impact Assessment Report;
- Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report;
- Design Access Statement (DAS); and
- Planning Statement.

Copies of the application documents are available for public inspection, free of charge on the application website:

https://www.scottishpowerrenewables.com/pages/harestanes_west_windfarm.aspx or on the Scottish Government Energy Consents website at www.energyconsents.scot.

I trust the information provided and set out above is sufficient for you to formally validate and commence consideration of the application. I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt and validation of the application by email.

Please do not hesitate to get in contact with me if you have any queries or require any further information

Yours sincerely,

For RSK Environment Limited

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