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Dear Debbie

**BEAW FIELD WIND FARM, YELL, SHETLAND ISLANDS (REFERENCE: ECU00003121): VARIATION APPLICATION TO EXTEND THE IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD OF THE SECTION 36 CONSENT AND TO EXTEND THE OPERATIONAL LIFE OF THE WIND FARM FROM 25 TO 40 YEARS**

TNEI are acting on behalf of Peel with respect to the submission of a variation to the previously consented Beaw Field Wind Farm, which is located south of Yell, the largest of the Shetlands Islands North Islands. Figure 1.1 enclosed with this application confirms the location of the Site.

As you are aware, the Scottish Ministers granted consent for Beaw Field Wind Farm under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017. The decision letter also directs that planning permission under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 is deemed to be granted.

The Section 36 consent is subject to a series of conditions. Specifically, Condition 2 (1) relates to the commencement of development and states that *“development shall be commenced no later than five years from the date of this consent (i.e., before 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022), or such other period as the Scottish Ministers may hereafter direct in writing.”*

The consent holder – Peel Wind Farms (Yell) Limited – changed its company name on 19th July 2019 to Peel L&P Wind Farms (Yell) Limited and then again on 20th November 2020 to Peel NRE Wind Farms (Yell) Limited. The company number (Ref. 07551084) is unchanged and full details are available via Companies House.

On behalf of the consent holder (Peel NRE Wind Farms (Yell) Limited), TNEI are submitting a variation application to formally request an extension to the implementation date.

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The consent holder's primary reasons for seeking an extension to the implementation date are two-fold:

1. **Grid Connection** – Shetland is not currently linked to the UK electricity transmission network. Ofgem published its decision to allow construction of a subsea high voltage direct current (HVDC) interconnector between Shetland and Mainland Scotland in July 2020 and construction commenced later that year. Once complete, this cable will permit the exportation of electricity generated through renewable energy projects (including Beaw Field Wind Farm) to the UK transmission network. While construction work is progressing well, the Shetland interconnector is not due to be energised until 2024; and
2. **Route to Market** – Peel has submitted an application to the Contracts for Difference (CfD) Round 4 auction process. This has been at the first opportunity to enter into a CfD auction following approval of the Shetland HVDC interconnector. Given the timescales involved for this key route to market, a longer period is therefore required for commencement of development. The auction result is in July. If Peel were unsuccessful the Government has confirmed annual auctions so there would be another opportunity to enter the auction.

Peel wishes to extend the operational life of the Beaw Field Wind Farm from 25 years to 40 years and so this variation application also covers this request to extend the operational life of the Wind Farm.

As part of this variation application, the consent holder also seeks a direction from Scottish Ministers that a new deemed planning permission also be granted.

Enclosed with this application are:

- Updated Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR).
- EIAR figures and appendices – these are unchanged from the previous application submission.
- Updated Non-Technical Summary.
- Planning Statement.
- Gatecheck reports – these are unchanged from the previous application submission.
- Design and Access Statement – this is unchanged from the previous application submission.
- Pre-Application Consultation Report – this is unchanged from the previous application submission.

Notification of this application submission has also been served on the landowners.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries or require further information during the course of determining this variation application.

Yours sincerely,



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