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Energy Consents Unit
Directorate for Energy and Climate Change
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ECU Ref: ECU00002031

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 to construct and operate Chleansaids Wind Farm, in the Highland Council Planning Authority Area

Dear Ms Flaherty,

Please find enclosed an application for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act (1989) and deemed planning permission for the proposed Chleansaids Wind Farm. The application is made by ESB Asset Development UK Limited (ESB). The ECU case reference is **ECU00002031**.

ESB is applying to construct and operate for 35 years an onshore wind farm and battery energy storage facility at Chleansaids, located 13 km to the north-east of Lairg in The Highland Council area, near the A836–A838 Junction (Central Grid Reference 261542 917308). The area within the Application Boundary is privately owned and covers an area of approximately 512 ha, falling within The Highland Council local authority area. The proposed onshore wind farm has an installed capacity of approximately 96 MW, comprising up to 16 wind turbines of approximately 6 MW each, twelve with a maximum tip height of 200 m and four with a maximum tip height of 180 m. The proposed Development also includes the potential to host a permanent co-located energy storage facility. The proposed battery energy storage (BESS) could provide an indicative system of approximately 20 MW.

RSK is acting as the agent and lead consultant for this application and hereby submit this application to the Scottish Ministers on behalf of ESB. The fee for the application has been paid and confirmed as received by the Energy Consents Unit (ECU) on 24th March 2022.

Environmental Impact Assessment

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

Advertisement

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. Hard copies of the notices will be provided to the ECU once advertised.

The newspaper adverts will be published as follows:

- The Scotsman – 15th April 2022
- Edinburgh Gazette – 15th April 2022
- Northern Times – 15th April and 22nd April 2022

The closing date for responses to the advertisements is 25th May 2022.

Application Documents

This application is supported 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 2, Figure 1.2);
- EIA Report, comprising:
 - Non-technical Summary (NTS);
 - Volume 1 - Main Report;
 - Volume 2 - Figures and Visualisations;
 - Volume 3 - Technical Appendices;
- Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) Report; and
- Planning Statement.

The Carbon Calculator online tool has been completed and submitted to the ECU on 9th March 2022, reference: 4R7X-I9PW-9WX0.

Copies of the application documents are available for public inspection, free of charge on the application website: <https://esbenergy.co.uk/chleansaid-wind-farm> 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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