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Your Ref: ECU00003366

Our Ref: LT264

Dear Sir/ Madam,

**Overhead Line Diversion Works to Connect into the Proposed Clash Gour Windfarm
Substation**

Electricity Act 1989 and The Electricity (Applications for Consent) Regulations 1990

Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc (SHE Transmission Plc) is pleased to submit to the Scottish Ministers this application for consent under Section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 and deemed planning consent under Section 57(2) of The Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997.

Proposed Development

The proposed development consists of approximately 340m of new overhead line (OHL) supported by four new steel lattice towers which will connect the existing 275 kV Knocknagael/Blackhillock circuit to the proposed Clash Gour Wind Farm 275/132kV substation.

Four steel lattice towers are proposed to divert the existing line into the substation via an "In/Out" arrangement. Existing towers numbered 190 and 191 will be removed and two new steel lattice towers will be constructed to replace them in line with the existing OHL. Two further steel lattice towers will be constructed between the existing OHL and the substation.

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Four gantry connections will be provided from these two steel lattice towers to the proposed 275/132 kV substation.

To facilitate the works to connect the proposed Clash Gour Wind Farm 275/132kV substation to the existing OHL a temporary diversion will be required for a duration of approximately 15 months.

Limit of deviation

This application seeks consent for a limit of deviation of 75 metres either side of the proposed OHL. The access track seeks a limit of deviation of 50 metres either side of the proposed tracks.

Ancillary development

Ancillary development includes temporary vehicle access tracks, as shown indicatively on Figure 1.2 Site Plan. Vehicle access would be required to each new tower location to allow for excavation and creation of foundation and lattice tower construction. Similarly, vehicle access would also be required to each tower to be removed for deconstruction, removal and reinstatement.

Wayleaves

Wayleaves for the new towers, overhead lines, compensatory planting and Biodiversity Net Gain are currently being negotiated.

EIA Screening

The Screening Opinion adopted by Scottish Ministers (ref: ECU00003366) confirmed that the Proposed Development is not Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development and therefore does not need to be accompanied by a full EIA report. A voluntary Environmental Appraisal (EA) has been prepared and is submitted in support of this Section 37 application and covers the overhead line works and ancillary development as outlined.

Supporting Documents

The following documentation is submitted in support of this application:

1. Copy of draft newspaper advert;
2. Clash Gour Wind Farm Connection and Associated Infrastructure Environmental Appraisal, Appendices and Figures;

3. Drawings as follows;
 - a. Figure 1.1 Site location (ref: 70088573-006)
 - b. Figure 1.2 Site Plan (ref: 70088573-003): Proposed overhead line route final configuration; and

Application fee

The application fee of £360 will be paid via BACS.

Working Hours

For the avoidance of doubt, as part of any grant of permission, SHE Transmission would seek to ensure that the working hours are covered off as a condition in line with our EA, that being approximately 07:30 to 18:00 Monday to Friday and 08:00 to 16:00 at the weekend with any works falling outwith those times to be agreed with Moray Council in advance.

Should you have any queries, please contact me using the details above.

Yours faithfully,

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