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Our ref: LT000486 Hurlie Substation
ePlanning ref: 100691177
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29 November 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposed Construction and Operation of a 400kV AC Substation, and the Associated Undertaking of Earthworks, the Formation of Platforms, Landscaping, Means of Access, Means of Enclosure, Site Drainage, Temporary Construction Compounds and Other Associated Operations (National development) at Land at, and in the vicinity of, Fetteresso Forest, in Aberdeenshire AB39 3UX.

Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks Transmission (SSEN Transmission), operating under licence held by Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc, is pleased to submit an application for full planning permission under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 for the abovementioned development. The planning application is made for national development under the Town and Country Planning (Hierarchy of Development) (Scotland) Regulations 2009 and the specific wording of National Development 3 in National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4).

The Proposed Development is being driven by the requirement to connect an increasing volume of renewable energy generation in the northeast of Scotland to the electricity network, which necessitates significant upgrades to the transmission network. To support this, SSEN Transmission is proposing a new 400 kV overhead transmission line between Kintore and Tealing, along with two new 400 kV substations, Hurlie substation, the subject of this planning application, and Emmock substation in Angus.

This application follows engagement with stakeholders and Pre-application Consultation (PAC) carried out in accordance with the Proposal of Application Notice, submitted on 31 January 2024, and agreed by Aberdeenshire Council under the reference ENQ/2024/0146. The details of this consultation, and evidence of the consultation carried out, are described in the submitted PAC Report. Written pre-

application guidance was obtained from Aberdeenshire Council under the reference ENQ/2024/0148 on 24 May 2024, following a meeting held on 25 April 2024.

In accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017, this application is accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report. This includes consideration of the EIA Scoping Opinion issued by Aberdeenshire Council on 11 September 2024.

A hard copy of the EIA Report package will be deposited at Stonehaven Library, Evan St, Stonehaven AB39 2ET, for inspection by members of the public during normal opening hours. Copies of the EIA Report may be purchased by members of the public for a fee by emailing tkup@sse.com.

The fee for the planning application has been calculated in accordance with The Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications) (Scotland) Regulations 2022, Table 1, Category 13 as maximum fee of £150,000 for the erection, alteration or replacement of plant or machinery. The fee has been paid to Aberdeenshire Council via BACS using the ePlanning reference 100691177.

I look forward to confirmation of validation of the application. Should you have any immediate queries on the application please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Yours Faithfully,

Robert Nairn
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