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Dear Ms Young,

ECU Ref: ECU0004493

Project: North Argyll Tie-in

Application for consent under Section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 for construction and operation of 0.6 km of temporary overhead line supported on two temporary masts and one permanent steel lattice tower on existing 275kV overhead line, known as 'YW route', between existing towers YW17 and YW19, south-east of Dalmally.

Please find attached application for Section 37 consent under the Electricity Act 1989 for the developments described above.

This application is submitted by Scottish Power Energy Networks (SPEN) (the Applicant), on behalf of Scottish Power Transmission (SPT)

In summary, as part of a legal duty to develop and maintain a technically feasible and economically viable transmission and distribution system, SP Energy Networks is seeking consent for the construction and operation of approximately 0.6km of 275kV temporary overhead line diversion supported on two temporary masts and one permanent steel tower (YW17R) on existing 275kV overhead line, known as 'YW route', between existing towers YW17 and YW19. The Proposed Development is located approximately 1km south-east of Dalmally, in Argyll and Bute.

SP Energy Networks has also applied for a direction under Section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 that planning permission for the development be deemed to be granted.

A Planning Statement and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIAR) have been submitted as part of this application, as set out in the 'Electricity Act 1989 – section 36 and 37: applications guidance' [1. Introduction - Electricity Act 1989 - sections 36 and 37: applications guidance - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot).

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Necessary Wayleaves currently await board approval from Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS).

This Section 37 application is submitted in tandem with Section 37 application Ref: ECU00002199 'Creag Dhubh to Dalmally 275kV Connection', as submitted by Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks Transmission (SSEN Transmission) which seeks consent for construction and operation of a 13.3km overhead line supported steel lattice towers between the proposed Creag Dhubh Substation and the existing SPEN 275kV OHL known as 'YW route', approximately 1km south-east of Dalmally.

SSEN's proposed OHL from Creag Dhubh to Dalmally is functionally interdependent on SPT's proposed terminal tower (YW17R). The SPT terminal tower will facilitate connection of the new SSEN OHL to the transmission network and will also form part of SPT's existing YW route between Dalmally and Windyhill.

The legislative framework does not allow the transfer of a Section 37 consent to another electricity operator, hence the requirement for two Section 37 applications. Given the interconnected relationship between the two proposals, the SPEN and SSEN Section 37 applications are accompanied by the same EIAR.

The Proposal

- A Tie-in connection involving approximately 0.6km of 275kV temporary overhead line diversion supported on two temporary masts and one permanent steel tower (YW17R) on existing 275kV overhead line, known as 'YW route', between existing towers YW17 and YW19.

Ancillary works include:

- Spur access road.
- Civil works associated with the tower foundations.
- Protection and control works.
- Telecoms works.
- Crane pads.

Limits of Deviation (LOD's) are included within the application as 100m either side of the alignment and 50m either side of the track, with a vertical tower LOD of 20%.

Application Details

The following documents have been submitted in support of this application:

- Detailed Planning Statement.
- Detailed Maps of the Proposed Development including the site location, proposed indicative alignment, access tracks, temporary diversion, and further detailed maps on specific aspects of the EIA report.
- Two Pre-application Consultation Reports are included: The Report on Consultation (ROC) November 2021 detailing the alignment consultation and the ROC November 2020 detailing the routeing alignment consultation.
- EIA Report with associated Technical Appendices and Figures.

- Peat Landslide Hazard Risk Assessment (PLHRA) (EIA Report Technical Appendix 10.3) which follows the PLHRA Best Practice Guide for Proposed Electricity Generation Developments (Second Edition), published at <http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2017/04/8868>.
- Non-Technical Summary.
- A separate Schedule of Mitigation.
- Consultee List.

Consultation

A Consultee List has been submitted with this application for the ECU to approve. This identifies statutory and non-statutory consultees that SPEN has identified, to be contacted by the ECU to request a formal representation.

SPEN are agreeable to the SSEN request that the public consultation period is extended to 60 days.

Section 37 Press Advert

A draft advert has been issued to the ECU for agreement prior to printing. The papers listed below would be used to publish the Section 37 Advert for the Proposed Development and each paper would print the advert for two consecutive weeks.

- Edinburgh Gazette
- Glasgow Herald
- Oban Times
- Argyll Advertiser

The above addresses the minimum requirement to publish the advert in one or more newspapers circulating in the locality of the proposed development (for two consecutive weeks); one or more national newspapers (for one week); and in the Edinburgh Gazette.

It is intended to publish the advert on a date agreed with the ECU and SSEN.

Confidential Information

SPEN have submitted all confidential information directly to the ECU Case Officer via email and have not uploaded any confidential information to the online portal.

Payment

An application fee of £1,500 has been issued and received by the ECU for the above application.

Next Steps

We trust the Section 37 application is complete and look forward to confirmation of receipt and validation. Should you have any queries or require further information please contact me on the details above. Thank you for your consideration of this application.

Yours sincerely,



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