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Dear Sir/Madam

Electricity Generating Stations (Applications for Variation of Consent) (Scotland) Regulations 2013: Application under section 36C of the Electricity Act 1989 seeking Direction to vary deemed Planning Permission under Section 57(2ZA) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act (as amended) in respect of section 36 consent for the Milltown Airfield solar PV array at the former Milltown Airfield, between Lhanbryde and Lossiemouth in the Moray Council Planning Authority area.

By its letter of 25 May 2018, Scottish Ministers granted consent under section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 (the 's36 consent') together with a direction under section 57 (2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (the deemed permission) granting permission for a Solar PV array at the former Milltown Airfield north of Lhanbryde, Moray.

Milltown Solar PV Ltd (the applicant) was later assigned the relevant consent and deemed planning permission for this project from Elgin Energy EsCo Ltd on 7 September 2021. The applicant now seeks a variation under Section 36C of the Electricity Act 1989.

Following Regulation 3 of the Electricity Generating Stations (Applications for Variation of Consent) (Scotland) Regulations 2013, **it seeks to extend the duration of the consent (from 30 years to 40 years)** originally described on page 7 of the decision letter dated 25th May 2018. The applicant also seeks a direction under s57 (2ZA) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, **varying condition 14 of the deemed permission also to extend the duration of the consent (from 30 years to 40 years).**

In accordance with Regulation 4(2)(b) of the Electricity Generating Stations (Applications for Variation of Consent) (Scotland) Regulations 2013, the purpose of this letter and the accompanying application documents are to ensure that the Moray Council as the local Planning Authority is served the correct application documents, to allow it to consider the application and make representations to the Energy Consents Unit within 2 months of the final public advertisement date (by 8 December 2021), in accordance with Regulation 4(6)(a) of the Electricity Generating Stations (Applications for Variation of Consent) (Scotland) Regulations 2013.

Accordingly, the following documents are enclosed alongside with letter:

- Section 36C application cover letter issued to Energy Consents Unit, 29 September 2021
- Appendices 1-9 to the application letter

Should you wish to discuss any of the above in further detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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