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By email only to Denise.Libretto@beis.gov.uk and Gareth.Leigh@beis.gov.uk

Dear Ms Libretto

Electricity Act 1989 & Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Carnedd Wen Wind Farm and Habitat Restoration Project: Withdrawal of Section 36 Application

I write on behalf of the applicant, innogy Renewables UK Ltd (innogy), with reference to the above application for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 and deemed planning permission under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to construct and operate a 130-250MW wind turbine generating station, submitted to the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) on 11 December 2008.

innogy **formally requests that the above application is withdrawn with immediate effect** and that the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) do not proceed to a re-determination.

The onshore wind industry has seen many changes since the application was originally submitted. With the removal of the UK Government's financial support mechanisms for onshore wind, new projects require taller turbines to be economically viable without subsidy. Smaller turbines with lower tip heights and shorter blades, such as those proposed in the Carnedd Wen project, are being phased out by manufacturers and are unlikely to be available in the future. innogy is keen to review its plans for the Carnedd Wen site with a view to potentially submitting a new application for a revised scheme to the Welsh Government in due course.

I would be grateful if you could confirm that you have received and actioned this request.

Yours sincerely,



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cc.

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Kee Evans and Paul Maile (Eversheds Sutherland)