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By email – FAO [REDACTED], Head of Energy Infrastructure Planning Delivery

REQUEST FOR THE DIRECTION BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ENERGY SECURITY AND NET ZERO (“THE SECRETARY OF STATE”) UNDER SECTION 35 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008 RELATING TO THE TRANSMISSION ASSETS OF OSSIAN OFFSHORE WIND FARM

Dear Secretary of State,

I am writing to you on behalf of Ossian Offshore Wind Farm Limited (the “Applicant”) to request that the power vested to you under section 35(1) of the Planning Act 2008 is exercised to direct that the onshore transmission infrastructure for the project, as so described in the accompanying supporting statement and draft direction, be treated as development for which development consent under the Planning Act 2008 is required.

To assist with the consideration of this request the following documents have been provided:

- Supporting Statement – S35 Request
- Figure 1 - S35 Request - Indicative Transmission Infrastructure Location
- Appendix 1 – Letter of Support SELCP
- Appendix 2 - Letter of Support LCC
- Draft S35 Direction

The supporting statement provides, in detail, the justification for the request. However, in summary, the Proposed Development is considered to meet the relevant legal tests in section 35 of the Planning Act 2008 and is considered to be of national significance by virtue of the following:

- The Proposed Development is of national significance, as it is necessary for the connection to the National Grid of the generation assets of the Ossian Offshore Wind Farm (if consented) plus additional capacity generated by other projects, and hence the delivery, on current projections, of up to approximately 4GW of renewable electricity.
- The Proposed Development will play an important role in enabling an energy system that meets the UK’s commitment to reduce carbon emissions and the Government’s objectives to create a secure, reliable and affordable energy supply for consumers.
- By progressing the Proposed Development through the Planning Act 2008 development consent process, it would provide the certainty of a single, unified consenting process and fixed timescales.

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I trust the above is of assistance. If you require any further clarification or information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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