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By email

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 OFFSHORE 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 offshore 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.

For avoidance of doubt this S35 request seeks a separate Direction for the offshore transmission infrastructure associated with the Offshore Wind Farm and is a separate request to the S35 request for the onshore transmission infrastructure (OnTI) which was accepted on the 23rd May 2024. This current request does not seek to revoke or amend that S35 which remains in place.

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

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- S35 Request Offshore Transmission Infrastructure Supporting Statement
- Ossian Draft OfTI S35 Direction
- Figure 1 - S35 Request - Indicative Transmission Infrastructure Location
- Appendix 1 – Ossian S35 OnTI Direction 23rd May 2024

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 meets the legal tests under S35 PA 2008 and there is strong policy support for directing the Proposed Development into the PA 2008 regime.
- The Proposed Development forms part of the Ossian Offshore Wind Farm Project, a proposed 3.6GW floating turbine wind farm project located in Scottish offshore waters. Without the Proposed Development the Ossian Array would not be constructed. The Proposed Development will therefore enable 3.6GW of clean

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renewable energy generated by the Ossian Array to be delivered to the grid and facilitate the management of an additional 400MW of power to balance the wider grid network.

- The Proposed Development is Critical National Priority infrastructure (CNP) as set out in the Energy National Policy Statements (NPSs). It will support the delivery of significant renewable energy and is urgently needed to help meet the UK's legally binding decarbonisation targets, as well as other policies specific to floating offshore wind, security of supply and network stability.
- Stakeholders and consultees will benefit from a streamlined consenting process with certainty of timescales. This will reduce overlapping administrative burdens for participants in the consents process and is consistent with similar projects that have recently been granted a S35 Direction by the Secretary of State, including the OnTI forming part of the Project.

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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