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Dear Ms McInnes

### **MACRITCH HILL WIND FARM – SECTION 36 ELECTRICITY ACT APPLICATION**

I am writing on behalf of my client, Eneco Wind UK Limited (the applicant), with respect to the application made under section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 (as amended) for permission to construct and operate an 18 turbine wind farm with an electricity generating capacity of up to 59.4 megawatts (MW), on land adjacent to Backwater Reservoir in Angus.

I regret to inform you that the decision has been taken by the applicant to withdraw the application.

The reason for this decision is entirely related to the ongoing regulatory uncertainty surrounding the CfD regime. In the absence of any prospect of clarity emerging on this matter in the foreseeable future, the conditions simply do not exist at present to justify continued investment of funds in taking the project any further through the planning process.

The applicant is keen to emphasise that the merits and benefits of this project remain strong and that this development would have been (and indeed may yet prove to be) a valuable asset for Scotland which would return genuine and tangible benefits to Scottish Water and its customers both through reduction in operational costs seen within water bills and through the decarbonisation of Scotland's water supply. The applicant has absolute confidence in the planning and environmental position of the project and its fitness to obtain consent. It wishes it to be clearly understood that it is not withdrawing the application on the basis of the positions of objection adopted by Angus Council and others.

Yours sincerely



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