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Deucheran Hill 2 Wind Farm - Application Cover Letter

Dear Christopher

Following previous discussions and Gate Check, please find enclosed an application for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 and for a direction that planning consent be deemed to be granted under Section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended) for Deucheran Hill 2 Wind Farm (the Proposed Development). The Proposed Development is located on the Kintyre Peninsula in Argyll and Bute, approximately 7 km northwest of Carradale.

The application for consent is being submitted by Natural Power Consultants Limited (Natural Power) on behalf of RWE Renewables UK Onshore Wind Limited (the Applicant) [Company Registration Number - 03758407, Registered Office at Windmill Hill Business Park, Whitehill Way, Swindon, Wiltshire SN5 6PB].

The Proposed Development will comprise:

- Up to 14 wind turbines with a mixed tip height of up to 220 m (3 with a maximum of 220 m tip height, 4 with a maximum of 200 m tip height and 7 with a maximum of 180 m tip height);
- Turbine foundations and hardstandings;
- External transformer housing;
- Crane pads;
- Access tracks;
- Underground electricity cables;
- Permanent anemometry mast;
- Temporary borrow pits;
- Temporary construction and storage compounds;
- Ancillary infrastructure;
- Temporary batching plant;
- Site signage;
- Onsite substation and control building;
- Office and welfare facilities;

- Habitat management areas;
- Temporary construction gatehouse; and
- Waste water and drainage attenuation measures (as required).

The Proposed Development has a total generation capacity of over 50 MW and up to 100 MW, subject to final turbine procurement. The lifespan of the proposed Development would be 40 years.

Connection of the Proposed Development to the national grid will be subject to a separate application.

In addition to this covering letter, the application is supported by a Planning Statement, Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report and, Maximising Socioeconomic Benefits Report and an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR). The EIAR comprises of four volumes as follows:

- Volume 1: Chapters.
- Volume 2a: Supporting figures for all chapters, except Chapter 6: Landscape and Visual and Chapter 9: Archaeology and Cultural Heritage.
- Volume 2b: Supporting figures and visualisations for Chapter 6 and Chapter 9.
- Volume 3: Appendices.
- Volume 4: Non-Technical Summary (NTS).

A carbon balance assessment report has been produced and MS Excel based assessment tool¹ completed to determine the carbon payback time for the Proposed Development (see EIAR Volume 1, Chapter 14: Other Issues for full details). The results from the carbon calculator reveal that the net impact of the Proposed Development will be positive overall, as over a 40-year lifespan of the Proposed Development, it is expected to generate over 36 years' worth of clean energy if it replaced fossil fuel electricity generation.

All of the above documents (besides the confidential appendices and figures) have been submitted to the ECU Portal (case reference: ECU00005208 and will be available on the Applicant's website: <https://www.rwe.com/deucheranhill2>).

The Applicant intends to advertise the application as follows:

- The Edinburgh Gazette for one week;
- The Herald for one week; and
- Arran Banner and the Argyll Advertiser (which all cover the area in which the Proposed Development would be located) for two consecutive weeks.

The following Community Councils have been sent an email notifying them of the application and where to view the planning application documents via email:

- East Kintyre Community Council;
- West Kintyre Community Council;
- Campbeltown Community Council; and
- Arran Community Council.

¹ The online version of the carbon calculator is not currently unavailable due to technical difficulties. As a result, the Applicant has made use of the MS Excel based assessment tool, version 2.14.1 which was the latest version at the time of undertaking the calculations.

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Yours sincerely

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