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Energy Consents Unit
5 Atlantic Quay
150 Broomielaw
Glasgow
G2 8LU

Attention of: Victoria Bonner

Dear Madam,

Application for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 (the Electricity Act) and deemed planning permission under Section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (the Planning Act), to upgrade units three and four at the existing Cruachan Pumped Storage Power Station, Dalmally, PA33 1AN

On behalf of our client Drax Pumped Storage Limited, we are pleased to submit the above application to the Scottish Ministers under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989, to replace units three and four located within the powerhouse cavern (subterranean level) of the Cruachan power station, together with specified turbine component replacement.

Cruachan was originally authorised under the Hydro-electric Development Act 1943 with the details of the scheme being set out as works 5 to 13 inclusive of the North of Scotland Hydro- Electric Board (Constructional scheme No.28) Awe Project, which was confirmed in March 1959 (S.I. 1959/478). The current maximum generating capacity of Cruachan is 440MW.

The 1943 Act was repealed and replaced by the Electricity Act 1989. The need for S.36 consent arises as a result of the proposals being the addition of c.40MW to an existing generating station, the installed capacity of which is already in excess of 50MW, which is the appropriate threshold specified in S.362(b) of the Electricity Act 1989.

Drax does not consider that the works proposed require deemed planning permission to be sought as part of the section 36 application. As the proposal involves replacement of existing turbines three and four in their existing position the works are accordingly within permitted development under Class 40 (f) of The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Scotland) Order 1992 and as such do not require planning consent.

The proposal does not constitute EIA development, as confirmed by ECU Screening Opinion reference ECU00004537.

The submission has been uploaded to the portal and the requisite fee of £30,000 (non-EIA development, addition of 40MW) will be transferred via BACS transfer using the above ECU reference.

The application pack comprises:

Site Location Plan
Layout plan
Hydrological Assessment

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Heritage Impact Assessment
Fish Mitigation Review
Ecological Appraisal
Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan
Statement of Consultation (including project information boards).

Confirmation of advertisement timings in the relevant press will follow next week.

Trusting all is in order, and that validation will be confirmed in due course. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any further information or assistance.

Yours faithfully.



Lynsey Fraser
Planning Director
on behalf of Stantec UK Ltd