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Directorate for Energy and Climate Change
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ECU Ref: ECU00003426

Application for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 and direction for deemed planning permission under Section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 10997, as amended (ECU case reference: ECU00003426 to construct and operate the Millmoor Rig Wind Farm in the Scottish Borders Council Area.

Dear Ms Keyes,

Please find enclosed an application for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act (1989) and deemed planning permission for the proposed Millmoor Rig Wind Farm. The application is made by ESB Asset Development UK Limited (ESB).

ESB is applying to construct and operate, a renewable energy development, known as Millmoor Rig Wind Farm, located at Wauchope Forest, south of Bonchester Bridge in the Scottish Borders (central grid reference 362640 606752). The site is currently comprised of commercial forestry, is privately owned and covers an area of approximately 917 ha. It is proposed that up to 13 turbines will be constructed, five with a maximum tip height of 180 metres (m), two with a maximum tip height of 200 m, four with a maximum tip height of 210 m and two with a maximum tip height of 230 m. The individual turbine generating capacity is anticipated to be approximately 6 Megawatts (MW), with the total installed capacity for the Proposed Development of approximately 78 MW. The application also includes an indicative system of approximately 20 MW of proposed battery energy storage (BESS).

The Proposed Development is anticipated to have an operational life of 35 years.

RSK are acting as the agent and lead consultant for this application and hereby submit this application to the Scottish Ministers on behalf of ESB. The fee for the application has been paid and confirmed as received by the Energy Consents Unit (ECU) on 21 November 2022.

Environmental Impact Assessment

This application is supported by an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report, which presents the results of the EIA undertaken by RSK. The EIA has been prepared in accordance with Section 36 of the



Electricity Act and The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (as amended) (the EIA Regulations). The EIA process has identified and assessed the potential environmental impacts of the Proposed Development.

Advertisement

RSK has arranged for a Public Notice, which was approved by the ECU, to be advertised providing notification of the submission of an application for consent in accordance with the requirements of the Electricity Act (Applications for Consent) Regulations 1990 (as amended) and the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017. Hard copies of the notices will be provided to the ECU once advertised.

The newspaper adverts will be published as follows:

- The Edinburgh Gazette – 6th December 2022;
- The Herald – 7th December 2022;
- The Southern Reporter – 8th December 2022 and 15th December 2022
- Border Telegraph – 8th December 2022 and 15th December 2022
- Hawick Paper – 9th December 2022 and 16th December 2022

The closing date for responses to the advertisements is **31 January 2023**.

Application Documents

This application is supported by the following documents, as required, which have been uploaded to the ECU's Portal:

- Copy of the public notice to be placed in newspapers;
- Application boundary figure (see EIA Report Volume 2, Figure 2.1);
- EIA Report, comprising:
 - Non-technical Summary (NTS);
 - Volume 1 - Main Report;
 - Volume 2 - Figures and Visualisations;
 - Volume 3 - Technical Appendices;
- Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)

The Carbon Calculator online tool has been completed and submitted to the ECU on 22 November 2022, reference: 275Y-QVSG-CD62(v6).

Copies of the application documents are available for public inspection, free of charge on the application webpage: <https://www.esbenergy.co.uk/millmoor-rig-wind-farm>, or on the Scottish Government Energy Consents website at www.energyconsents.scot.

I trust the information provided and set out above is sufficient for you to formally validate and commence consideration of the application. I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt and validation of the application by email.

Please do not hesitate to get in contact with me if you have any queries or require any further information
Yours sincerely,

For RSK Company Limited



Robert Beck
EIA Project Manager