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Dear Sir,

SSE THERMAL GENERATION (SCOTLAND) LIMITED

PETERHEAD LOW CARBON CCGT PROJECT, LAND AT AND IN THE VICINITY OF THE PETERHEAD POWER STATION SITE, NEAR BODDAM, PETERHEAD, ABERDEENSHIRE

THE ELECTRICITY ACT 1989 (THE '1989 ACT')

THE ELECTRICITY (APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT) REGULATIONS 1990 (THE '1990 REGULATIONS')

THE ELECTRICITY WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2017 (THE 'EIA REGULATIONS')

On behalf of SSE Thermal Generation (Scotland) Limited (the 'Applicant') I hereby serve notice on Aberdeenshire Council, pursuant to Paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 8 to the 1989 Act that an application (the 'Application') has been submitted to the Scottish Ministers, seeking consent under Section 36 of the 1989 Act for the construction and operation of the Peterhead Low Carbon CCGT Project generating station together with a direction deeming planning permission to be granted under Section 57(2) of 'The Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997'.

The Peterhead Low Carbon CCGT Project comprises the construction and operation of a low carbon combined cycle gas turbine (CCGT) generating station with a capacity of up to 910 megawatts gross electrical capacity, including post-combustion carbon capture plant and works to the existing cooling water, natural gas and electrical grid connections and ancillary works on land at and in the vicinity of the existing Peterhead Power Station Site near Boddam, Peterhead in Aberdeenshire (the 'Proposed Development'). The carbon capture plant will capture the CO₂ emissions generated through the combustion of natural gas in the CCGT, which will then be compressed and transported by a pipeline operated (and consented under a separate application) by the Acorn CCS Project for permanent storage under the North Sea.

A copy of the notice that is being published pursuant to the 1990 Regulations and the EIA Regulations in The Scotsman (1st April 2022), The Edinburgh Gazette (1st April 2022), The Buchan Observer (5th and 12th April 2022) and Press & Journal (4th and 11th April 2022) is appended to this letter.



The Proposed Development is Schedule 1 development under the EIA Regulations and therefore an EIA Report, including Non-Technical Summary, has been produced.

In accordance with the EIA Regulations, an electronic copy of the EIA Report, including Non-Technical Summary, accompanies this letter.

The Application documents, including EIA Report and Non-Technical Summary, listed below, can be viewed by either downloading them from the enclosed USB device or from the following secure file share site: <https://dwd.ctit.co/url/mse9i5cyr5h4a73j>

The Application comprises the following documents and plans:

1. Application Cover Letter.
2. Site Location Plan Ref. 60650403-010.
3. Application Site Boundary Plan Ref. 60650403-021.
4. Landownership Plan ref. 60650403-022.
5. Indicative Layout Plan (Option 1) Ref. 60650403-031.
6. Indicative Layout Plan (Option 2) Ref. 60650403-032.
7. Indicative Layout Plan (Option 3) Ref. 60650403-033.
8. Indicative CCGT/CCP (Main Site) Elevations Plan Ref. 60650403-041.
9. Indicative Ancillary Site and Water Treatment Elevations Plan Ref. 60650403-042.
10. Indicative Construction Laydown Areas Plan Ref. 60650403-050.
11. Indicative Connections Plan Ref. 60650403-060.
12. Outline Landscape and Biodiversity Strategy Plan Ref. 60650403-070.
13. Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report.
14. Planning Statement.
15. Design and Access Statement.
16. EIA Report:
 - Volume 1: Non-Technical Summary.
 - Volume 2: EIA Main Report.
 - Volume 3: Figures.
 - Volume 4: Appendices.
17. Carbon Capture Readiness Report.
18. Combined Heat and Power Readiness Assessment.

Hard copies of the EIA Report and the other Application documents may be obtained from the Applicant (telephone: 0800 211 8270 or email: ThermalEnquiries@sse.com) on request.

In accordance with Regulation 8 of the 1990 Regulations, the Council must serve notice of any objection by it to the Application on the Scottish Ministers within 4 months of the date of the application, or such longer period as may be agreed in writing by the Council with the Scottish Ministers and Applicant.

Any objections or other representations to the Application must be submitted via the Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit website at: www.energyconsents.scot/Register.aspx; by email to the Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit mailbox at: representations@gov.scot; or by post to the Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit, 4th Floor, 5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow, G2 8LU, identifying the development and specifying the grounds for representation. Please note that there may be a delay in the Energy Consents Unit receiving representations by post.

Written or emailed representations should be dated, clearly stating the name (in block capitals), full return email and postal address of those making representations. Only representations sent by email to representations@gov.scot will receive acknowledgement.

Yours sincerely

Geoff Bullock
Partner
DWD – on behalf of SSE Thermal Generation (Scotland) Limited

Enc. Publicity Notice
 USB of Application documents

APPENDIX 1: PUBLICITY NOTICE

SSE THERMAL GENERATION (SCOTLAND) LIMITED

THE PETERHEAD LOW CARBON CCGT PROJECT

THE ELECTRICITY ACT 1989 – SECTION 36

THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

THE ELECTRICITY WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2017

Notice is hereby given that SSE Thermal Generation (Scotland) Limited (the ‘Applicant’), company registration number SC664055, with its registered office at Inveralmond House, 200 Dunkeld Road, Perth, Scotland, PH1 3AQ, has applied to the Scottish Ministers for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 to construct and operate a low carbon combined cycle gas turbine generating station with a capacity of up to 910 megawatts, including carbon capture plant and ancillary development (together the ‘Proposed Development’) on land at and within the vicinity of Peterhead Power Station, Boddam, approximately 1.5 kilometres south of Peterhead, Aberdeenshire, AB42 3BZ (centred on National Grid Reference 412597, 842972). The Proposed Development is known as the Peterhead Low Carbon CCGT Project and is subject to an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). An EIA Report has been produced to accompany the application for Section 36 consent.

The Applicant has also requested a direction from the Scottish Ministers under Section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 that planning permission for the Proposed Development be deemed to be granted.

A copy of the application, with a plan showing the land to which it relates, together with a copy of the EIA Report setting out the Applicant’s proposals in more detail and presenting an analysis of the environmental effects, is available for public inspection, free of charge on the project website: <https://www.ssethermal.com/flexible-generation/development/peterhead-carbon-capture/> or on the Scottish Government Energy Consents website: www.energyconsents.scot under application reference ECU00003433.

Copies of the EIA Report and the other application documents may be obtained from the Applicant (telephone: 0800 211 8270 or email: ThermalEnquiries@sse.com) at a charge of £500 per hard copy and £15 for a USB. Copies of the Non-Technical Summary are available free of charge.

Hard copies of the application documents can be viewed free of charge at **Aberdeenshire Council, Buchan House, St Peter Street, Peterhead, AB42 1QF**, Monday to Friday – 8:45am to 12:30pm & 1:30pm to 5:00pm

Any representations to the application may be submitted via the Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit website at www.energyconsents.scot/Register.aspx; by email to the Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit mailbox at representations@gov.scot; or by post to the Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit, 4th Floor, 5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow, G2 8LU, identifying the development and specifying the grounds for representation. Please note that there may be a delay in the Energy Consents Unit receiving representations by post.

Written or emailed representations should be dated, clearly stating the name (in block capitals), full return email and postal address of those making representations. Only representations sent by email to representations@gov.scot will receive acknowledgement.

All representations should be received no later than **Friday 13th May 2022**, although Ministers may consider representations received after this date.

Any subsequent additional information which is submitted by the Applicant will be subject to further public notice in this manner, and representations to such information will be accepted as per this notice.

As a result of a statutory objection from the relevant planning authority, or where Scottish Ministers decide to exercise their discretion to do so, Scottish Ministers can also cause a Public Inquiry to be held.

Following examination of the environmental information, Scottish Ministers will determine the application for consent in two ways:

- Consent the development, with or without conditions attached; or
- Reject the development.

General Data Protection Regulations

The Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit processes consent applications and consultation representations under the Electricity Act 1989. During the process, to support transparency in decision making, the Scottish Government publishes online at www.energyconsents.scot A privacy notice is published on the help page at www.energyconsents.scot This explains how the Energy Consents Unit processes your personal information. If you have any concerns about how your personal data is handled, please email Econsents_admin@gov.scot