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**Electricity Act 1989
Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997
The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations
2017**

**Glen Earrach Energy Pumped Storage Hydro (PSH) Project
Additional Information - June 2025
Your Ref: ECU00005121**

Dear David King,

Background

In March 2025, an application for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 and deemed planning permission under Section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (the 'Section 36 Application') was submitted to the Energy Consents Unit (ECU) of the Scottish Government by Glen Earrach Energy Limited ('the Applicant').

The application sought consent for the construction and operation of a new pumped storage hydro scheme on the Balmacaan Estate, to be known as the Glen Earrach PSH (the 'Proposed Development'). The Proposed Development will have a storage capacity of approximately 34,000 megawatt hours (MWh) subject to the final configuration of the Headpond, Loch nam Breac Dearga. It would have approximately 2,000 megawatts (MW) of installed electrical pumping capacity and 1,800 MW of installed electrical generating capacity (both subject to final pump-turbine selection).

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) was provided with the application, detailing the results of a series of environmental studies undertaken to determine the likely significant effects of the Proposed Development on the environment under the Electricity

Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (the 'EIA Regulations').

Since the submission of the Section 36 Application, the Applicant has continued to engage with Statutory Consultees on the information contained in the EIAR. In response to this further engagement, queries have been raised by The Highland Council (THC), NatureScot, Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) and Historic Environment Scotland (HES), which have necessitated the provision of Additional Information. These queries related to landscape and visual, water resources and peat management.

The Applicant has also identified corrections that are required to the EIAR and the standalone Planning Statement. Two corrections have been identified and are also provided as Additional Information.

The Additional Information, including detailed responses to Statutory Consultee queries, is set out in the attached document: Glen Earrach Energy Pumped Storage Hydro Development Additional Information, June 2025. The structure of the document is as follows:

- Chapter 1: Landscape and Visual;
- Chapter 2: Water Resources; and
- Chapter 3: EIAR and Planning Statement Corrections
 - Correction 1: EIAR - Upper Operating Water Level; and
 - Correction 2: Planning Statement – percentage reference to net gain for area-based habitats.
- Chapter 4: Peat Management.

It should be noted that the Additional Information contained in the documents does not change the conclusions of the assessment reported in the EIAR and is provided to assist Statutory Consultees in their assessment of the Section 36 Application.

Consultation

In line with the EIA Regulations 20(4), the Applicant will serve a copy of the Additional Information on THC as the local planning authority and other persons to whom a copy of the EIAR was sent.

All representations should be received not later than 8th August 2025, although Ministers may consider representations received after this date.

Advertising and Availability of Additional Information Documentation

A draft advert has been issued to and agreed with the ECU Case Officer prior to printing.

The papers listed below will be used to publish the advert on Tuesday the 8th of July 2025 for the Additional Information submission:

- The Edinburgh Gazette; and
- The Inverness Courier.

The Notice will also be published on the application website:

<https://www.glenearrach.energy/latest-news>

The above satisfies the minimum advertising requirements as set out in Regulation 20 (2) of the EIA Regulations.

The date of publication of the adverts has been agreed in advance with the ECU.

The Additional Information documentation is available for inspection at the following locations:

Location	Opening Hours	Address
The Highland Council	Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm	Glenurquhart Road, Inverness, IV3 5NX
Great Glen Pharmacy	Monday to Saturday from 8:45am to 6pm	Drumnadrochit IV63 6UL
Clog and Craft Shop	Thursday from 12 noon to 3pm Friday from 11am to 3pm	Skye Road, Invermoriston, Inverness IV63 7WE
Foyers Stores Post Office & Cafe	Monday to Saturday from 9am to 5:30pm Sunday from 10am – 2pm	Foyers, Inverness IV2 6XU

Next Steps

We look forward to confirmation of receipt and validation of the Additional Information submission. Should you have any queries or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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