

31<sup>st</sup> March 2025Energy Consents Unit  
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G2 8LU**ELECTRICITY ACT 1989****TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997****THE ELECTRICITY WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2017****THE ELECTRICITY (APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT) REGULATIONS 1990**

Dear David King,

Glen Earrach Energy Limited ("the Applicant"), of 50 Lothian Road, Festival Square, Edinburgh, EH3 9WJ (Company number: SC777268), is seeking consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 to construct and operate a pumped storage hydro (PSH) scheme located at central national grid reference NH 45255 22395. This is approximately 9.5 km to the south of Drumnadrochit and 6.5 km north of Invermoriston in The Highland Council region.

The Applicant is also applying for a direction under Section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 that planning permission for the development be deemed to be granted.

The Applicant will also be applying for an order under Schedule 5 of the Electricity Act 1989 (Water Rights For Hydro-Electric Generating Stations in Scotland) to abstract from Loch Ness and use such water as may be necessary for the purposes of constructing and operating a generation station wholly driven by water. A draft water rights order will be submitted in due course.

The duration of consent which is being applied for is an operational period of 125 years and, subject to consent being granted, it is proposed that the consent would be implemented within a period of seven years from the date of the consent.

The Applicant confirms that the fee in respect of the application was paid to the Energy Consents Unit on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

This project is known as Glen Earrach Pumped Storage Hydro (referred to as the 'Proposed Development' in the accompanying application documents). The Proposed Development has been subject to Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and an EIA report (EIAR) has been prepared in accordance with The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017. The following documents are submitted in respect of the application:

- The EIAR which consists of six volumes:
  - Volume 1: Non-Technical Summary (NTS) – provides a concise non-technical summary of the EIAR, providing a description of the Proposed Development, a summary of its residual environmental effects, and proposed mitigation measures;

- Volume 2: Main Report - contains the introductory and topic specific environmental assessment chapters, which is structured around the chapter headings as set out in **Chapter 1 Introduction, Table 1.1 Volume 2: EIAR Main Report Chapter Structure (Volume 2: Main Report)**;
- Volume 3: Figures - contains the figures relating to the EIAR chapters;
- Volume 4: Visualisations - contains photomontages illustrating how the Proposed Development will sit within the surrounding landscape;
- Volume 5: Appendices - contains supporting Appendices to the EIAR, including a Schedule of Mitigation. The Appendices include detailed technical information such as raw data, survey reports and plans that are cross referenced where relevant within **Volume 2: Main Report** of the EIAR; and,
- Volume 6: Confidential Appendices - contains supporting Appendices which are only provided to certain competent bodies due to the nature of the information which is contained within them.

The following supporting documents are also submitted with the Application:

- A plan showing the application boundary (**Figure 1.1: Site Location Plan, EIAR Volume 3: Figures**)
- Planning Statement
- Pre-Application Consultation Report
- Socio-Economics Statement

We will provide for your approval the public notices to be published in respect of the application. These notices will be published by the Applicant as follows in accordance with the Electricity Act (Applications for Consent) Regulations 1990 and the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017:

- Scotsman on 25<sup>th</sup> of April 2025;
- Edinburgh Gazette on 25<sup>th</sup> of April 2025; and
- Inverness Courier on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April 2025 (for a successive two week period).

Copies of the application documents are available for public inspection in person, free of charge at:

Location	Opening Hours	Address
The Highland Council	Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm	Glenurquhart Rd, 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

The application documents can also be viewed on the application website at <https://www.glenearrach.energy> or at [www.energyconsents.scot](http://www.energyconsents.scot).



I would be most grateful if you could confirm receipt of the documents either by letter or email to [victoria.deacon@aeacom.com](mailto:victoria.deacon@aeacom.com)

Yours sincerely,

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