### THE SCOTTISH MINISTERS

#### **ELECTRICITY ACT 1989**

The Glen Earrach Pumped Storage Hydro Scheme (Acquisition of Water Rights) Order 2025

Glen Earrach Energy Limited
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# THE GLEN EARRACH PUMPED STORAGE HYDRO SCHEME (ACQUISITION OF WATER RIGHTS) ORDER 2025

The Scottish Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 10(5) of and Schedule 5 to the Electricity Act 1989, hereby make the following Order:

#### Citation, commencement and interpretation

- 1. This Order may be cited as The Glen Earrach Pumped Storage Hydro (Acquisition of Water Rights) Order 2025 and comes into force on <a href="mailto:date/month/year">date/month/year</a> [TBC].
- 2. In this Order:

"the Act" means the Electricity Act 1989;

"the Company" means Glen Earrach Energy Limited, a company incorporated under the Companies Act (Company No. SC777268) and having its Registered Office at Glen Earrach Energy Limited, 50 Lothian Road, Festival Square, Edinburgh, Scotland, EH3 9WJ;

"the generating station" means Glen Earrach Pumped Storage Hydro Scheme authorised by the section 36 consent;

"the section 36 consent" means the consent to construct and operate a hydroelectric pumped storage generating station at Loch Ness, by Balmacaan Estate, granted by the Scottish Ministers under section 36 of the Act dated [TBC] and the direction made under section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 deeming planning permission to be granted for the development for which the section 36 consent was granted;

"the catchment area" means the catchment area of the Loch Ness in The Highland Council area, as shown outlined in purple on attached plan Water Rights Order – Loch Ness Catchment;

#### Acquisition of rights to use water

3. Subject to the provisions of this Order, the Company is hereby authorised to abstract and divert water from the catchment area by means of the works authorised by the section 36 consent and to use such water for the purpose of generating electricity at the generating station.

#### Terms of abstraction and use

- 4. (1) On completion of the works authorised by the section 36 consent, the Company will not take a greater volume of water per abstraction generation cycle than that stated in Column 4 from the affected water described in Column 1 of the Schedule annexed when the level measured at the relevant location is less than the level detailed in Colum 3 of the said Schedule; and
- 4. (2) The provisions of this Order with respect to restrictions on taking water shall be accepted by all persons interested as full compensation for the acquisition of the right to abstract, divert and use water under this Order.

Schedule

Location of Abstraction and Operational Parameter

1	2	3	4
Waters Affected	Abstraction Location (Grid Reference)	Lower limit water	Maximum
		level at Loch Ness	Abstraction Volume
		(m AOD)	per cycle (Mm³)
Loch Ness (upstream of Inverness)	NH 48086 21750	15.42	29

## **AECOM**

GLEN EARRACH PUMPED STORAGE HYDRO

CLIENT



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- ALL LEVELS IN METRES AND REDUCED TO ORDNANCE DATUM UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.
- LOCH NESS CATCHMENT BOUNDARY
  TAKEN FROM FLOOD ESTIMATION HANDBOOK.

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PROJECT NUMBER

FIGURE TITLE

Water Rights Order Loch Ness Catchment