

Our ref: NI2575 - Houston Solar Farm & BESS

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Dear James,

ECU00004825: Houston Solar PV Farm & Energy Storage Facility

Please find enclosed a Section 36 application to the Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit (ECU) for the construction and operation of an electricity generating station with installed capacity in excess of 50 megawatts (MW) but not exceeding 100MW, consisting of a solar PV farm of approximately 75MW capacity and a battery energy storage facility of approximately 25MW capacity, with ancillary development.

The proposed development is located on three parcels of land within the Renfrewshire Council Area. At its nearest point, the northernmost parcel of land (Houston North) is located approximately 0.5km northeast of Houston village. The other two land parcels (Houston South) are located approximately 1km east of Houston village.

This application is submitted by RPS on behalf of the applicant, EEB57 Limited.

The proposals will make a significant contribution to the delivery of Scotland's ambitious renewable energy generation targets and assist in enhancing the efficiency and security of energy supply. The proposed development could have the ability to generate approximately 75,000,000 kilowatt hours (kWh) per annum powering over 20,000 homes.

The application is supported by a series of drawings exploring the proposed development, and including proposed infrastructure components. A range of supporting environmental assessments were prepared to inform the evolving layout and these documents are listed below for your information:

- Pre-Application Consultation Report;
- Planning Support Statement;
- Flood Risk Assessment;
- Transport Statement;
- Landscape & Visual Impact Assessment;
- Glint & Glare Assessment;
- Land Capability for Agriculture Study;
- Ecological Impact Assessment (CONFIDENTIAL);
- Cultural Heritage Assessment;

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- Noise Impact Assessment; and
- Habitat Regulations Appraisal Report.

We have previously issued a draft newspaper notice for ECU consideration. In accordance with the requirements of The Electricity (Applications for Consent) Regulations 1990 it is intended that the notice will be placed:

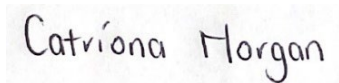
- In a locally circulating newspaper for 2 x successive weeks;
- In the Edinburgh Gazette; and
- In a National Newspaper.

It is intended that dates for adverts will be confirmed through correspondence with ECU.

The fee for the proposal in accordance with The Electricity (Applications for Consent and Variation of Consent) (Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 is **£84,000** - *Construction, or construction and operation, of a generating station which is not EIA development and has a capacity exceeding 50 megawatts but not exceeding 100 megawatts.* This fee has been transferred directly to the ECU on 26th June 2023 by Elgin Energy under the payment reference 'ECU36NHouston_So'.

I trust this information is sufficient for progression of the application, however should you require clarification or any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,
for RPS Ireland Limited (NI)



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