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NOTICE UNDER THE ELECTRICITY (COMPETITIVE TENDERS FOR OFFSHORE TRANSMISSION LICENCES) REGULATIONS 2015

This notice is issued by the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority (the **Authority**) pursuant to regulation 28(2) of the Electricity (Competitive Tenders for Offshore Transmission Licences) Regulations 2015 (the **Tender Regulations**).

The Authority issued a consultation preceding this notice, under section 8A(3) of the Electricity Act 1989 to modify certain standard conditions of the transmission licence for TC Moray West OFTO Limited. There was one response received to the consultation and the respondent requested that its response be treated as confidential and not published.

The Authority has taken the response fully into account. The response raised concerns regarding the conduct and outcome of the tender process. The response did not, however, contend that the Authority should not proceed with the award of the licence; to the contrary, it positively represented that the Authority should proceed. The response stated that this was without prejudice to the criticisms of the tender process and outcome raised by the respondent.

The Authority has carefully considered all of the representations raised in the response. In particular, the Authority has considered the potential alternatives which the response asserts the Authority should have adopted rather than appointing the preferred bidder. The Authority does not consider that any of the suggested alternatives were more reasonable or appropriate options than appointing a preferred bidder.

In the circumstances, the Authority considers that the proposed licence grant, modifications and related terms strike a fair balance between the interests relied upon by the respondent and the other interests which the Authority is required and entitled to consider.

In light of the respondent's request for confidentiality, and having considered the nature of the information contained in the response and the interests of third parties, the Authority has not published the consultation response. The Authority has nevertheless taken the response fully into account in reaching this decision.

In accordance with regulation 28(2) of the Tender Regulations, the Authority hereby gives notice that it has determined to grant an offshore transmission licence to **TC Moray West OFTO Limited**, 3 More London Riverside, London, England, SE1 2AQ, which is the proposed licensee entity incorporated by the consortium of Transmission Capital Partners Limited Partnership and International Public Partnerships Limited, the successful bidder in respect of the Moray West project.

In accordance with regulation 29(4) of the Tender Regulations, the Authority shall not grant an offshore transmission licence to the successful bidder before the end of the period set out in regulation 29(4). Confirmation of the Authority's determination to grant an offshore transmission licence will be provided in accordance with regulation 29(5) of the Tender Regulations at the end of this period.

Stuart Borland
Deputy Director, Offshore Network Regulation
Duly authorised on behalf of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority
18 November 2026