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Dear Nick

**Request for Authority's consent to further defer Connection Offer Timelines for the Tidal Ventures Limited and Fair Head Tidal Energy Park Limited Connection Applications**

Thank you for your letter of 17 July 2017 requesting further consent from the Authority for SONI to defer the required 3 month timeline to issue a connection offer to Tidal Ventures Limited and Fair Head Tidal Energy Park Limited Connection Applications.

The relevant section of the SONI licence is within Condition 25, Requirement to Offer Terms – Users and Connectees, paragraph 5 and 7. These clauses require a connection offer to be made not later than 3 months unless consent to a longer period has been approved by the Authority.

We had previously granted an extension within your licence to these two applications to 31 July 2017.

In your correspondence you indicated that the connection application in question is placed in the Phase 2 category and that a further extension is now required to decide how Phase 2 offers will issued.

Subsequently you now request a further 11 month extension of the limit as provided for in Condition 25 (7) from 31 July 2017 to the 30 June 2018 for both Tidal Connections.

Having considered your request and reviewed the responses from Tidal Ventures Limited (Open Hydro) and from Fair Head Tidal Energy Park (DP Energy), the Authority is unable to agree to the extension period requested.

Instead we are able to agree to a further extension until 30 November 2017. In doing so we note this is the third extension SONI has now requested. We also note that we are minded to grant further extensions until 30 November 2017 for distribution connection applications which are in Phase 2.

In the meantime, we are happy to engage with you on how you intend to treat this application once the extension period which we have granted runs out.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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**Director of Compliance and Network Operations**

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