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Date: 06/01/2020

Dear Mr Rees,

Acknowledgement of your application for a transitional abstraction licence

Application Number: PAN-006902

Applicant: Celtic Energy Limited

Site: Nant Helen Surface Mine

Thank you for your application for a new full abstraction licence which has been accepted as valid.

You can continue to abstract the same quantities of water you have applied for until we have reached a decision on your application. It is an offence to abstract more water without a licence and we may take enforcement action. It is your responsibility to ensure you apply for the required licence(s).

If you wish to apply to increase your application abstraction quantities you should do this through our normal application procedure, details of which are available from the 'Related document downloads' section of the following webpage:

[Home](#) > [Permits and Permissions](#) > [Water abstraction and impoundment licences](#) > [Apply for a water abstraction or impoundment licence](#)

Your application will be determined within the three-year period between 01 January 2020 and 31 December 2022.

If we cannot make a decision on your licence application by 31 December 2022, you can appeal to the Planning Inspectorate in Wales at the following address:

The Planning Inspectorate
Crown Buildings
Cathays Park
Cardiff
CF10 3NQ
Phone: 02920 823857

You can get a standard notice for making an appeal from the address above. The notice of appeal must be sent to the Planning Inspectorate **within 28 days** of the 31 December 2022 (or any agreed extended decision date). The notice must give the

reasons for the appeal and you must also send a copy of:

- the application which it relates to;
- any information or reports you sent to us with the application; and
- any other relevant correspondence, including this acknowledgement letter.

You must also send us a copy of your notice of appeal.

You may withdraw an appeal at any time before a decision has been made. In exceptional circumstances, the Planning Inspectorate has the power to allow a longer period for serving a notice of appeal.

We will write to you once your application is allocated to a permitting officer and determination of your application commences. At this time we will also decide whether your application is required to be advertised and we will inform you of the cost of putting the notice in a local newspaper and our administration fee. We may also require further information from you about your application during the determination process.

If we grant you a full abstraction licence, you will usually have to pay an annual charge for the amount of water you are authorised to abstract, calculated in accordance with our Abstraction Charges Scheme, available on our website. The amount you pay will depend on what you use the water for, the source from which it is abstracted and the season in which you take it.

You may also be required to measure and report the quantity of water you abstract. We will discuss these requirements with you during the determination of your application. Even if you have not taken any water, you must submit a nil return if your licence states that you must report your water use. If you do not submit your record of actual abstraction when required to do so, we may take enforcement action.

You should note that it is an offence under Section 206 of the Water Resources Act 1991 to furnish any information or make a statement which is known to be false or misleading, or to recklessly make any statement which is false or misleading. Enforcement action in line with Natural Resources Wales Enforcement and Sanctions Policy can be taken if it becomes evident that this offence has occurred.

If you have any questions, please phone the Water Resources Permitting Team on 0300 065 3888.

Yours sincerely,

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