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Walney Extension Request for dML Variation

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Dear Frances,

As you are aware, there is evidence of damage to the outer armouring of the second Walney Extension export cable (WOW04). DONG Energy is currently assessing the options of whether to repair or replace the damaged section of the cable in the intertidal area between KP1.5 and KP3.6. If the replacement route is required, we may seek to undertake works during the current seasonal restrictions for overwintering birds, specifically in November / December, or potentially in March towards the end of the seasonal restrictions. Given the current wording in the Transmission Assets dML regarding the seasonal restriction, this would require a variation to current the dML to allow the MMO and Natural England to consider our environmental submissions in support of this request.

As such, we would like you to accept this letter as a formal request for an amendment to Part 2, Condition 8(1)(a) of Schedule 10 – The deemed Transmission Assets Marine Licence to read as follows (our proposed amendment underlined):

- 8 - (1) The undertaker must not construct or install those licensable activities comprised in Work Nos. 3A and 3B in the Inter-Tidal area –
(a) between 1 October and 31 March (inclusive), unless otherwise approved by the MMO, in consultation with Natural England;

To provide some further context, we are currently preparing a Habitats Regulations Assessment to assess the expected impacts on the interest features of the protected site from undertaking intertidal cable replacement works during

the winter season. Should we choose to go forward with this option, we will provide this further assessment and a method statement to you to inform your decision. The purpose of the requested dML variation is therefore to give the MMO the flexibility to consider this (or any other) request on its own merits, and supported by the relevant information and assessment.

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If you require any further information in respect of this request, please do not hesitate to contact me

Yours sincerely

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