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Your ref:

Dear Sirs

**East Anglia ONE Offshore Windfarm Order 2014
Non-material change to Deemed Marine Licences**

1 Introduction

- 1.1 On behalf of East Anglia ONE Limited (**EAOL**), please find enclosed an application for proposed changes to the Deemed Marine Licences (**DMLs**) in the Development Consent Order (**DCO**) for the East Anglia ONE Offshore Wind Farm (the **Project**).
- 1.2 The principal purpose of the changes is to vary the DCO to include the option to construct a 750 MW windfarm with a HVAC transmission system (the **HVAC option**) as an alternative to the consented Project (the **HVDC option**). The HVAC option requires a limited number of amendments to the configuration of transmission infrastructure onshore and offshore.
- 1.3 EAOL is making a parallel application to the Secretary of State for Climate Change to vary the relevant provisions of the DCO. These changes constitute non-material changes for the purposes of the Infrastructure Planning (Changes to, and Revocation of, Development Consent Orders) Regulations 2011 (the **2011 Regulations**) as amended. For consistency, the information required under the 2011 Regulations to amend the DCO is also being provided to you, to assist in your determination of EAOL's application to amend the DMLs.

2 Materiality of Changes

- 2.1 It is not considered that any of the proposed changes are material within the terms of the 2011 Regulations for the following principal reasons:
 - No changes to the Project's Order limits are proposed.
 - In the event that the HVAC option is taken forward, the level of impact will in all instances be the same, or less, than that described in the existing environmental statement.
 - Up to two offshore substation platforms for the HVAC option would mean reduced impacts in comparison with the existing provision for up to five platforms for the HVDC option.
- 2.2 In conclusion, these changes would constitute non-material amendments for the purposes of the 2011 Regulations.

3 Content of Application

- 3.1 EAOL's application for a non-material change is supported by information as required by Regulation 4 of the 2011 Regulations. Appendix 1 of this letter contains the relevant details.
- 3.2 A full list of application documents and their contents is set out in Appendix 2 of this letter. EAOL has in particular submitted an Environmental Report setting out clearly the proposed changes to the Project and updated environmental assessment information where required. The application is also supported by an amended DCO with suggested drafting to include the HVAC option and an Explanatory Memorandum which explains each of the proposed changes.

4 Consultation

- 4.1 EAOL has conducted a programme of informal pre-application consultation in order to brief stakeholders on the nature of the proposed DCO amendments. Details of the consultation with statutory consultees are set out in the Environmental Report and correspondence with the same is also enclosed with this application. In addition, EAOL held two landowner briefing days on 21 and 22 May 2015 in order to introduce the changes and answer any queries.

If you require further information please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

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APPENDIX 1

Details required under Regulation 4 of the 2011 Regulations

| Details required | Applicant response |
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| Name and address of the applicant | East Anglia ONE Limited 3 rd Floor, 1 Tudor Street, London EC4Y 0AH |
| Name and address of an agent, if appointed | Bond Dickinson LLP 3 Temple Quay, Temple Back East, Bristol BS1 6DZ |
| The reference for the development consent order to which the application relates | The East Anglia ONE Offshore Wind Farm Order 2014 (PINS Ref: EN010025) |
| Details of the change being applied for | Details of the proposed changes are set out in this letter and supporting documents and plans (see Appendix 2) |
| Any documents and plans considered necessary to support the application | See Appendix 2 for a list of documents and plans considered necessary to support the application |
| A statement that the applicant is either— (i) the person who applied for the development consent order to which the application relates or a successor in title; (ii) a person with an interest in the land to which the development consent order relates; or (iii) any other person for whose benefit the development consent order has effect | East Anglia ONE Limited was the applicant that applied for the DCO to which this application relates |
| Details of the applicant's interest in the land | Offshore, EAOL has an option for lease from The Crown Estate for the array area. Onshore, EAOL is negotiating to acquire necessary land and rights over the onshore cable route and onshore converter station site. Compulsory acquisition powers for the onshore cable route are included in the DCO. |
| Three paper copies of the application and other supporting documents and plans | As requested, three hard copies of the documents and plans listed in Appendix 2 have been sent to the MMO |

APPENDIX 2

Schedule of Application Documents

| Reference | Document | Description |
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| 1 | East Anglia ONE Offshore Windfarm – HVAC Option Assessment Environmental Report | All topics and potential impacts have been screened against the proposed changes to the Project design to demonstrate that, for the purpose of the 2011 Regulations, the potential impacts associated with the proposed changes are in all cases no greater (and would in many cases be less) than those previously presented for the consented Project. The Environmental Report therefore notes that the proposed changes can be described as non-material for the purpose of the Regulations. |
| 2 | Draft Development Consent Order (May 2015) | This document highlights, in tracked changes, the proposed amendments to the DCO. |
| 3 | Explanatory Memorandum | This document highlights where changes have been made to the DCO and explains the purpose and effect of each of the changes. |
| 4 | Schedule of parameters in the Development Consent Order | This schedule sets out the parameters for the 1200 MW HVDC option and the proposed parameters for the 750 MW HVAC option. |
| 5 | Updated Works Plans | Sheets 1-2 of the offshore works plans have been updated to reflect the fact that Work Nos. 1 and 2 could be located anywhere in the offshore development area. |
| 6 | Correspondence with stakeholders | A number of letters are enclosed from stakeholders following EAOL's pre-application consultation on the non-material amendment application. |