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Marine Management Organisation
Lancaster House
Hampshire Court
Newcastle Business Park
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Attn: Margaret Tierney

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Dear Margaret,

The Dogger Bank Creyke Beck Offshore Wind Farm Order 2015 (SI 2015 No.318) ("DCO")

Application for an amendment to the deemed Marine Licence pursuant to Section 72(3)(d) of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009

I am writing on behalf of Doggerbank Offshore Wind Farm Project 1 Projco Limited ("Projco 1") and Doggerbank Offshore Wind Farm Project 2 Projco Limited ("Projco 2") (together "the Projcos"). These companies are a Joint Venture between SSE and Equinor, which have been set up to take forward the development of the Creyke Beck Projects (as defined by Schedule 1, Part 1 of the DCO).

The DCO consents the Creyke Beck Projects and came into force on 11 March 2015. It includes four deemed marine licences at Schedules 8 to 11.

The Creyke Beck Projects were originally brought forward by Forewind, a consortium comprising Innogy, SSE, Statkraft and Statoil. Following the grant of the DCO, these projects were split between the parent companies. Projco 1 has the benefit of deemed marine licence 1 and 3 (included at Schedules 8 and 10 to the DCO), and Projco 2 has the benefit of deemed marine licences 2 and 4 (included at Schedules 9 and 11 to the DCO).

The Projcos are applying for a variation to the deemed marine licences.

Variations Consequential on the DCO Change

The Projcos have applied for a non-material change to the DCO in relation to the offshore works for the following parameters:

- increase in wind turbine rotor diameter;
- increase in monopole diameter; and
- increase in hammer energy for monopole foundations only.

As a consequence, variations to two of the deemed marine licences (deemed marine licence one and deemed marine licence two) contained within the DCO are being sought. The purpose of the proposed changes is to allow the projects to take advantage of the improvements in technology which have been identified since the grant of the DCO and the deemed marine licences.

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I enclose the environmental report and technical appendices which form part of the non-material change (NMC) application for the DCO. These reports demonstrate that the variations requested will not give rise to any new or materially different environmental effects as compared to the existing Creyke Beck Projects consented by the DCO and deemed marine licences. These reports also demonstrate that the variations required do not introduce the need for a new Habitats Regulation Assessment.

Additional Variations

In addition, a number of minor variations to the four deemed marine licences are being sought.

Variations to the ornithological monitoring is being requested at Schedule 8 and 9 to allow the most appropriate surveys and techniques to be used to verify the predictions in the Environmental Statement.

A variation to condition 2(3)(a) is being sought in respect of all four deemed marine licences to change the reference from "iron, steel and aluminium" to "iron, steel, aluminium and titanium". This is due to the project engineers identifying that titanium, which offers superior corrosion resistance, may also be deposited as part of the authorised development. Titanium is an optional material which may be used for the sea water caissons.

A further variation is being sought to alter the procedure for dropped objects from the provision of an audit sheet to the provision of a dropped object form. An example of a dropped object form is attached.

As such, variations to Schedule 8, Schedule 9, Schedule 10 and Schedule 11 of the DCO are being requested to permit these changes. Annex 1 enclosed with this letter sets out the nature of the variations which are requested in full.

These proposed variations have been the subject of consultation as set out in the environmental report and technical appendices which form part of the NMC application (other than the additional variations described above which are considered to be de minimis). A copy of the environmental report and technical appendices which form part of the NMC application are also enclosed.

Conclusion

It is hereby formally requested that the variations to the deemed marine licences at Schedules 8 – 11 of the DCO, as set out in the enclosed Annex 1 and explained above, be approved.

If you have any queries in respect of the information contained within this application, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jonathan Wilson'.

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Encs.