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(by email only)

Ref: DCO/2013/00010

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Dear Mr Wilson,

## **DOGGER BANK CREYKE BECK OFFSHORE WIND FARM ORDER 2015 (“the Order”) - VARIATION OF DEEMED MARINE LICENCES**

On 17 February 2015 the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change granted consent for The Dogger Bank Creyke Beck Offshore Wind Farm (“the Order”) which included in Schedules 8, 9, 10 and 11 (below) four deemed marine licences (DMLs) in accordance with Section 149 of the Planning Act 2008. The 2015 Order was subsequently corrected by the Dogger Bank Creyke Beck Offshore Wind Farm (Correction) Order 2015 on 2 October 2015.

- Schedule 8 Marine Licence 1: Project A Offshore (Generation)
- Schedule 9 Marine Licence 2: Project B Offshore (Generation)
- Schedule 10 Marine Licence 3: Project A Offshore (Transmission)
- Schedule 11 Marine Licence 4: Project B Offshore (Transmission)

Following the grant of the 2015 Order, the wind farm projects have been split between the parent companies. As part of the reorganisation, Bizco 1 was renamed Projco 1 and Bizco 4 was renamed Projco 2 (the “Applicant”). Both of the Projcos are now jointly owned by SSE and Equinor (hereafter referred to as “the Dogger Bank Offshore Wind Farm Project”).

The Marine Management Organisation (MMO) received a request from the Dogger Bank Offshore Wind Farm Project on 5 July 2018, to vary the DMLs contained within Schedules 8, 9, 10 and 11 of the Dogger Bank Creyke Beck Wind Farm Order 2015.

The variation application originally sought consent for changes to each wind farm project to:

- allow each wind turbine generator to have a maximum rotor diameter of up to 280 metres rather than the consented up to 215 metres;
- enable maximum hammer energy for monopile foundations of up to 4000kJ during installation rather than the consented up to 3,000kJ; and
- increase the monopile diameter up to 12m from the consented up to 10m;

In addition, a number of minor variations to the four DMLs:

- variations to the ornithological monitoring at Schedules 8 and 9;
- variation to all four DMLs to include reference to deposit of 'titanium'; and
- variation to all four DMLs from provision of audit sheets to dropped objects form.

On 7 March 2019, the Applicant subsequently requested to withdraw the increase in hammer energy and increase of monopile diameter from the variation request.

The MMO has now completed its consideration of these requests and, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 72(3)(d) of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, has varied the DMLs as detailed in the Notice of Variation enclosed. Also enclosed is a copy of the varied DMLs.

This documentation is also publically available on the MMO's website at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/marine-licensing-nationally-significant-infrastructure-projects>.

In accordance with regulation 3 of The Marine Licensing (Notices Appeals) Regulations 2011, you may appeal the notice of variation to the First-tier Tribunal. If you wish to appeal then in accordance with Rule 22(1)(b) of the Tribunal Procedure (First-tier Tribunal)(General Regulatory Chamber) Rules 2009 (SI 2009/1976) you have 28 days from the date of the sending of the notice of variation to send or deliver a notice of appeal to the First-tier Tribunal.

Yours sincerely,

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Enc:

Notice of Variation, Schedule 8

Notice of Variation, Schedule 9

Notice of Variation, Schedule 10

Notice of Variation, Schedule 11

DML Variation 1 (Schedules 8-11)