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Hornsea Offshore Wind Farm Project One – Deemed Marine Licence Variation

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Dear Ms Southwood,

Our ref. BRYBR/BRYBR
Doc. no. 2509568
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Case no. 200-12-2161

Introduction

In February 2015, DONG Energy Wind Power A/S ("DONG Energy") took full ownership of Hornsea Offshore Wind Farm Project One (Hornsea Project One). Hornsea Project One was awarded consent by the Secretary of State on 10 December 2014. The Development Consent Order was subsequently amended on 30 April 2015 by the Hornsea One Offshore Wind Farm (Correction) Order 2015 and on the 31st March 2016 by the Hornsea One Offshore Wind Farm (Amendment) Order 2016. The undertakers named in the Development Consent Order (DCO) are Heron Wind Limited ("Heron") Njord Limited ("Njord") and Vi Aura Limited ("Vi Aura") (the "Project One companies").

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The Project One companies are applying under the Infrastructure Planning (Changes to, and Revocation of, Development Consent Orders) Regulations 2011 (the 2011 Regulations) for non-material amendments to the DCO. The MMO is the enforcement body for the Deemed Marine Licenses (DMLs) which are included in Schedules 8, 9 10 and 11 of the DCO (DMLs 1, 2, 3 and 4 respectively) and therefore will be required to consider a variation to the DMLs, alongside the determination of the non-material change application undertaken by the Secretary of State (SoS).

The Project One Companies request a variation to the limits of deviation for Wind Farm Areas 1, 2 and 3 (Work Nos 1, 2 and 3) detailed within the DCO and DML 1, 2 and 3, to alter their internal boundaries within the Order Limits. The Project One Companies also propose to increase the name plate capacity of HOW01 from 1200 MW to 1218 MW stated within the DCO, although no amendments are required to the DMLs in this respect because the name plate capacity is only stated in the DCO. The increase in capacity would compensate for potential array cable energy losses. The maximum energy exported to the grid would not exceed 1200 MW. The name plate capacity is only stated within the DCO and is not stipulated within the DMLs.

Materiality of Changes and Summary Statement

Enclosed within Appendix A of this application is a Supporting Statement detailing the nature of the proposed changes in addition to a reasoned statement on the opinion of the Project One Companies that the proposed changes should be viewed as non-material. Also enclosed within Appendix B of this application are revised Work Plans, Appendix C is a track changed version of the DMLs showing the proposed changes, together with a draft Amendment Order to make the proposed amendments to the DCO within Appendix D.

By way of summary (and as explained in greater detail in the Supporting Statement), it is considered that the proposed changes to the DCO are non-material because they:

1. Do not lead to any new effects on the environment, significant impacts or increases to the significance of impacts assessed in the original application;
2. Do not introduce the need for a new Habitats Regulations Assessment, or the need for a new or additional license in respect of European Protected Species (EPS) (in addition to those at the time the original DCO was made); and
3. Do not involve compulsory acquisition of any land that was not authorised through the existing DCO.
4. Do not have any impact on local people.

Consultation

The Project One companies have conducted a programme of informal pre-application consultation in order to brief stakeholders on the nature of the proposed DCO amendments, which apply equally to the changes proposed to the DMLs. The details of these are included within the Supporting Statement.

If you have any questions or require clarification on the content of this letter or any accompanying information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.



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