

Attn:

David Morris
Marine Management Organisation
Lancaster House
Hampshire Court
Newcastle upon Tyne
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20th December 2019

Our Ref: AU-PM763-015-00001

Dear Mr Morris,

The Dogger Bank Teesside A and B Offshore Wind Farm Order 2015 (SI 2015 No. 1592) as amended by the Dogger Bank Teesside A and B Offshore Wind Farm (Amendment) Order 2019 (S.I. 2019/699) (“DCO”)

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

The DCO consents Project A and Project B (as defined in Part 1, Article 2 of the DCO) and came into force on 26 August 2015 and includes four deemed marine licences at Schedules 8 to 11.

I am writing on behalf Doggerbank Offshore Wind Farm Project 3 Projco Limited (“**the Projco**”). The Projco is a joint venture between SSE and Equinor, which has been set up to take forward the development of Project A. Project B is being taken forward by an entity controlled by Innogy.

Project A has the benefit of deemed marine licences 1 and 3 (included at Schedules 8 and 10 of the DCO) (“**Project A DMLs**”), while Project B has the benefit of deemed marine licences 2 and 4 (included at Schedules 8 and 10 of the DCO). This application relates only to the Project A DMLs.

Variations Consequential on the NMC Application

An application for a non-material change to the DCO was submitted on 15 November 2019 (the “**NMC Application**”) pursuant to the Infrastructure Planning (Change to, and Revocation of, Development Consent Orders) Regulations 2011 (as amended). The NMC Application seeks to make a non-material change to the authorised development by amending the description of the authorised development within Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the DCO in relation to the works for Project A only. The proposed amendments of the NMC Application do not relate to Project B.

The NMC Application is to:

- a. increase the permitted rotor diameter for individual wind turbine generators from 215m to 280m; and
- b. amend the stated gross electrical output capacity of up to 1.2 gigawatts for Teesside A to a gross electrical output capacity of more than 100 megawatts, so that the description of Teesside A no longer operates as a capacity cap.

As a consequence, variation of the Project A DMLs is being sought. The purpose of the proposed changes is to allow the projects to take advantage in improvements in technology which have been identified since the grant of the DCO and the DML.

I enclose the environmental and technical appendices which formed part of the 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 Teesside A project consented by the existing DCO and the DML. 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 Project A DMLs are being sought:

- a. Variations to the ornithological monitoring to allow the most appropriate surveys and techniques to be used to verify predictions in the Environmental Statement.
- b. A variation to clauses 2(3)(a) of both Project A DMLs 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.
- c. A variation 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. The timescale for reporting a dropped object has also been amended to 24 hours.
- d. Variations to certain conditions (e.g. Conditions 13, 16 and 19 of Schedule 8 and Conditions 13 and 16 of Schedule 10) to allow for phased discharge of those conditions or the carving out of certain works from requiring discharge prior to commencement.
- e. Variation to the emergency response and cooperation plan (ERCoP) Conditions to bring them into line with the recommendations of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency as advised for the Dogger Bank Creyke Beck project.

We note that these additional variations are substantially the same as the variations approved by the Marine Management Organisation for the deemed marine licences attached to the Dogger Bank Creyke Beck Offshore Wind Farm Order 2015 (SI 2015 No.318).

The 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 and technical appendices which formed part of the NMC Application for the DCO are enclosed.

Annex 1 enclosed with this letter sets out the nature of the variations which are requested in full. Any proposed alterations to the wording of the Project A DML conditions are shown underlined and in bold and the words to be removed are shown in strikethrough and bold.

It is hereby formally requested that the variations to the Project A DMLs at Scheduled 8 and 10 of the DCO as set out in the enclosed Annex 1 and explained above, be approved.

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If you have any queries in respect of the information contained in 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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