



Harriet Thomas
Consent Manager
Sofia Offshore Wind Farm Project
(By email only)

Our reference:
DCO/2013/00011/Variation 4

25th January 2021

Dear Harriet,

**DOGGER BANK TEESSIDE A & B OFFSHORE WINDFARM ORDER 2015 (“the Order”) -
VARIATION 4 (SCHEDULES 9 & 11)**

In August 2015 the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change granted consent for the Dogger Bank Teesside A and B Offshore Wind Farm Order 2015 (“the Order”) which included, in Schedules 8, 9, 10 and 11, four Deemed Marine Licences (DMLs) in accordance with Section 149 of the Planning Act 2008. Following the granting of the 2015 Order, in August 2017, the project was split. Dogger Bank Teesside A (“Dogger Bank C”) is now owned by Doggerbank Offshore Wind Farm Project 3 Projco Limited (“the Projco”); and Dogger Bank Teesside B (“Sofia”) is owned by Sofia Offshore Wind Farm Limited.

On 13th May 2020 the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) received a request from Sofia Offshore Wind Farm Limited to vary the DMLs for “Sofia” (Schedules 9 and 11) contained within the Order. The request was to make the following key changes:

- An increase in the maximum hammer energy used for monopole installation for wind turbine generators and the offshore converter platform, from 3,000 kilojoules to 4,000 kilojoules.
- Consent to lay cables between the wind turbine generators and the offshore converter platform.
- An increase in the number of fibre-optic cables laid with the high voltage direct current (HVDC) cables from one to two, within Work Nos. 1B, 2B and 3B.
- The transfer of the Conditions associated with Work No.1B for the offshore converter platform from Schedule 9 to Schedule 11 to reflect that the asset will be transferred to an Offshore Trans-mission Owner (“OFTO”) post-construction.
- Full details of cable specifications and installation to be incorporated within the Pre-construction plans and documentation Condition for a Cable Specification and Installation Plan, to avoid duplication within the Condition for a Construction Method Statement.



- The potential for a temporary communication system to be installed on the wind turbine generator transition piece.
- To include ancillary works referred to in DCO but previously not included within the DMLs. Additional ancillary works were requested to cover preparatory works and scour protection for foundations.
- Confirmation in writing from the MMO to only be required to demonstrate that SOWFL has taken into account and, so far as is applicable to that stage of the project, adequately addressed all of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) recommendations as appropriate to the authorised project contained within MGN543.
- Corrections to ensure consistency within the Condition wording of Schedules 9 and 11.
- Minor changes to Condition wording.

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 Notices of Variation enclosed.

Also enclosed is a copy of the varied DMLs.

This documentation is publicly 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.

Kind regards,



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Enc:

Variation 4 Notice of Variation Dogger Bank Teesside A & B Offshore Windfarm Order 2015 Schedule 9
 Variation 4 Notice of Variation Dogger Bank Teesside A & B Offshore Windfarm Order 2015 Schedule 11
 Variation 4 Schedules 9 and 11 of the Dogger Bank Teesside A & B Offshore Windfarm Order 2015

