

1 July 2020

Our Ref: AU-PM763-015-00003

Attn: Rebecca Reed
Marine Management Organisation
Lancaster House
Hampshire Court
Newcastle upon Tyne
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Dear Rebecca

The Dogger Bank Teesside A and B Offshore Wind Farm Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/1592) (the DCO) as amended by The Dogger Bank Teesside A and B Offshore Wind Farm (Amendment) Order 2019 (S.I. 2019/699) (the Amendment Order)

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, now known as Sofia Offshore Wind Farm (Sofia), 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 5 June 2020 (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 increasing the maximum hammer energy for monopiles from 3,000 kJ up to 4,000 kJ in relation to the works for Project A only. The proposed amendments of the NMC Application do not relate to Project B (Sofia).

As a consequence, variation of the Project A DMLs is being sought.

I enclose the environmental and technical appendices which formed part of the NMC Application for the DCO. These reports demonstrate that the variation 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.

Additional Variations

Two minor additional amendments are also being sought:

- a) Amendments to the wording of the conditions relating to the Emergency Response and Cooperation Plan (ERCoP). This follows the MCA's comments on the Dogger Bank Creyke Beck A and B projects, which recommended the amendment of the ERCoP conditions to align with more recent DCOs. These amendments enable the ERCoP to be a working document throughout the lifetime of the development rather than a document that is signed off through the discharge process as required by the current drafting. The proposed amendments ensure that, at each stage, the project will discuss the requirements of MGN 543, which includes a checklist to demonstrate all aspects have been addressed (including the ERCoP), with MMO and MCA.
- b) Amendments to the description of the project to include the ability to install cables between the wind turbine generators and the offshore platforms. This is included in the original application and is fully assessed but appears to have been an oversight in the drafting of the conditions.

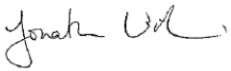
The NMC application is the subject of consultation which is currently underway (and extended to 42, rather than 28, days due to COVID-19). A copy of the environmental and technical appendices which formed part of the NMC Application for the DCO are enclosed. The additional variations, described above, are considered to be de minimis.

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.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries in relation to the above.

Yours sincerely



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