

## **PUBLIC CONSULTATION NOTICE**

### **THE OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION, PRODUCTION, UNLOADING AND STORAGE (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2020**

#### **Pegasus West Development**

Spirit Energy North Sea Limited has made an application for consent to the Oil and Gas Authority (“the OGA”) in relation to the above project.

#### **Summary of Project**

The Pegasus West gas discovery is located in block 43/13b of the United Kingdom Continental Shelf (UKCS), approximately 107 km north-east of Flamborough Head on the coast of England.

The development envisages the tie-back of the existing Pegasus West gas well to the existing Neptune Energy - operated Cygnus gas development located in block 44/12 of the UKCS. The development’s primary elements are:

- An approximately 57 km long, 10” gas production pipeline, starting in block 43/13b, traversing blocks 43/14, 43/15, and 44/11, and terminating in block 44/12.
- An approximately 57 km long umbilical from the Cygnus platform to the Pegasus West well providing hydraulic power for valve actuation, electrical power, signal capability and chemical injection.

Pegasus West gas will join Cygnus gas in being exported via the Eagles Transportation System pipeline for processing at the Perenco - operated terminal at Bacton in Norfolk, England.

The Pegasus West well is planned to be re-completed for production in 2022. The subsea construction work is expected to be executed in 2023, with first gas targeted for 2024.

#### **Environmental Impact Assessment and Consent Process**

In accordance with the above-mentioned Regulations, the project is subject to an environmental impact assessment procedure.

The OGA is responsible for deciding whether or not to grant consent for the project, but agreement to the grant of consent must be obtained from the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (“the Secretary of State”) prior to consent being granted. The Secretary of State’s decision on whether to agree to the grant of consent is based on the environmental impact assessment for the project.

The range of possible decisions in response to the application of consent is:

- (a) the Secretary of State agrees to the OGA's grant of consent following the Secretary of State's conclusion regarding the environmental effects of the project, and the OGA grants consent, so the project may proceed;
- (b) the Secretary of State refuses to agree to the OGA's grant of consent following the Secretary of State's conclusion regarding the environmental effects of the project, so the project may not proceed; or
- (c) the Secretary of State agrees to the OGA's grant of consent following the Secretary of State's conclusion regarding the environmental effects of the project, but the OGA does not grant consent, so the project may not proceed.

Where the Secretary of State agrees to the grant of consent, conditions that Spirit Energy North Sea Limited must comply with may be attached to the agreement, including environmental conditions to avoid, prevent, reduce or offset any significant adverse effects on the environment, and measure to monitor such conditions.

Notice of the decisions of the Secretary of State and OGA decisions for the project will be published at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-2020-eia-regulations#environmental-impact-assessments-eia> where information on the Secretary of State's decision to agree to or refuse to agree to the grant of consent will also be made available.

### **Access to Further Information**

Copies of this notice, the summary of the project and the Environmental Statement can be viewed and downloaded at [www.spirit-energy.com/pegasuswest](http://www.spirit-energy.com/pegasuswest) and at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-2020-eia-regulations#environmental-impact-assessments-eia>. Access shall remain at least three months after the date on which the Secretary of State publishes the notice under Regulation 16(1) (publication of consent decisions).

**A copy of the Environmental Statement and summary of the project may also be obtained by post or email. Requests should be made to Spirit Energy North Sea Limited, IQ Building, 15 Justice Mill Lane, Aberdeen, AB11 6EQ, by email to [john.lynch@spirit-energy.com](mailto:john.lynch@spirit-energy.com), or by telephone - 01224 415175 - by 22/11/2021.**

### **Public Consultation**

Representations, comments or questions relating to the project may be made to the Secretary of State by 22/11/2021. All representations should quote reference number (D/4269/2021) and may be made by letter or by email to:

Business Support Team  
Offshore Petroleum Regulator for Environment & Decommissioning  
Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy  
AB1 Building  
Crimon Place  
Aberdeen  
AB10 1BJ

[BST@beis.gov.uk](mailto:BST@beis.gov.uk)

## **Judicial Review**

A person aggrieved by the grant of consent for a project may use the procedure to apply for judicial review regarding the decisions made in respect of this project. A court may allow proceedings to challenge a decision made in respect of the Regulations.