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By email

Dear Stakeholder,

The East Anglia One Offshore Wind Farm Order 2014 (as amended) – Application for a Non-material Change 2021

East Anglia One Limited (EAOL) has submitted an application to the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) seeking a non-material change to the East Anglia ONE Offshore Wind Farm Order 2014 (as amended) (2014 Order (as amended)) which was submitted in accordance with the Infrastructure Planning (Changes to, and Revocation of, Development Consent Orders) Regulations 2011 (as amended) (2011 Regulations) (Application).

The East Anglia ONE Offshore Wind Farm Order 2014 (2014 Order) was granted on 16th June 2014 and came into force on 7th July 2014. The East Anglia ONE Offshore Wind Farm (Corrections and Amendments) Order 2016 was granted on 24th March 2016 to correct certain errors in the 2014 Order and to allow the option to construct a wind farm located 43.4 km off the coast of Suffolk either of up to 750 MW with a High Voltage Alternating Current (HVAC) transmission system comprising up to 150 Wind Turbine Generators (WTGs) or a wind farm of 1,200 MW with a High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) transmission system comprising up to 240 WTGs. The HVAC option for 750 MW included an allowance over the anticipated export capacity of 714 MW to account for transmission losses. There were corresponding variations made to the DML at the same time.

EAOL selected the HVAC option and the construction of the offshore works for EA ONE were completed in October 2020. All 102 WTGs are now installed and operating, generating power which is transmitted to the associated onshore substation at Bramford, Suffolk.

EAOL therefore seeks a non-material change to the 2014 Order (as amended) and variations to the DML in order to reduce the maximum number of WTGs consented for the HVAC option under the 2014 Order (as amended) to reflect the number of WTGs installed at EA ONE and a number of the WTGs' parameters comprising their height (when measured from Lowest Astronomical Tide (LAT) to the tip of the vertical blade), their hub height (when measured from LAT to the centreline), their rotor diameter and their clearance height (from Mean High Water Springs (MHWS) to the lowest point of the rotating blade).

The Supporting Statement for the Application concludes that the proposed amendments are fully within the consented Rochdale Envelope and the adverse impacts will be no worse than those assessed in the original Environmental Statement (ES) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) for EA ONE.

You are being formally consulted by EAOL on the proposed changes to the 2014 Order (as amended) as you are an organisation that was previously consulted on the 2014 Order and one that may have an interest in the marine environment where the wind farm array is located.

In order to assist your consideration of the Application, we enclose copies of the documents outlined below.

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1. The Supporting Statement

- **1.1.** This document includes:
 - **1.1.1.** The details of the proposed non-material change to the 2014 Order (as amended) as prescribed by the 2011 Regulations; and
 - 1.1.2. An explanation as to why the proposed changes are considered to be non-material.

2. The draft Amendment Order 2021

2.1. The enclosed draft Amendment Order sets out the amendments proposed to the 2014 Order (as amended) to reflect the changes described above.

3. A tracked changes version of the 2014 Order (as amended)

3.1. This document highlights, in tracked changes, the proposed amendments to the 2014 Order (as amended).

4. A tracked changes version of the Deemed Marine Licences (as amended in 2018)

4.1. A parallel application is being made to the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) to seek consequential changes to the Deemed Marine Licence, and therefore we have enclosed a copy of the Deemed Marine Licences (as amended in 2018) with the proposed changes tracked for your reference only.

5. A copy of the newspaper notice required by regulation 6 of the 2011 Regulations (Notice)

- **5.1.** Notice of the non-material change application is being published as required by regulation 6 of the 2011 Regulations, and pursuant to regulation 7 of the 2011 Regulation a copy of the Notice is enclosed for your information.
- **5.2.** As set out in the Notice, any representations about the Application may be sent by email to the Planning Inspectorate at eastangliaone@planninginspectorate.gov.uk or alternatively, in writing¹ to: National Infrastructure Planning, The Planning Inspectorate, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square Temple Quay Bristol BS1 6PN. Please quote reference "East Anglia ONE (ENO10025)" on any correspondence.
- **5.3.** Please note that any representations received by the Planning Inspectorate in response to the consultation will be handled in compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and published on the Planning Inspectorate's Infrastructure Planning Portal (https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk) with all personal information removed.
- **5.4.** Please note that the deadline for receipt a response from you is 11.59pm on 25th May 2021.

We would be grateful if you would acknowledge safe receipt of this letter and the enclosed documents. If you have any questions or require clarification on the content of this letter or accompanying information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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¹ As a result of ongoing Government guidance relating to the Coronavirus (COVID-19), the Planning Inspectorate's office based at Temple Quay House is now closed and any submissions sent by post may be subject to delay.



Enclosed:

- The Supporting Statement;
- The draft Amendment Order;
- The tracked changes version of the 2014 Order (as amended);
- The tracked changes version of the Deemed Marine Licences (as amended in 2018); and
- The Notice as required by regulation 7 of the 2011 Regulations.