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### By email – Paul.Stephenson@marinemanagement.org.uk

Dear Paul

# The East Anglia One Offshore Wind Farm Order 2014 (as amended) – Application for a Variation to Deemed Marine Licence Section 72 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009

East Anglia One Limited (EAOL) hereby applies for a variation to the Deemed Marine Licence (DML) contained within Schedule 10 of the East Anglia ONE Offshore Wind Farm Order 2014 (as amended) (2014 Order (as amended)) (Application).

EAOL has concurrently submitted an application to the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) seeking a non-material change to the 2014 Order (as amended) in accordance with the Infrastructure Planning (Changes to, and Revocation of, Development Consent Orders) Regulations 2011 (as amended) (2011 Regulations) relating to the consented number of Wind Turbine Generators (WTGs).

The East Anglia ONE Offshore Wind Farm Order 2014 (2014 Order) was granted on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2014 and came into force on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2014. The East Anglia ONE Offshore Wind Farm (Corrections and Amendments) Order 2016 was granted on 24<sup>th</sup> 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. The amendments constitute non-material changes for the purposes of the 2011 Regulations.



As the non-material change application and the Application to vary the DML are so closely related, and the variation requested to the DML reflects the changes being requested to the 2014 Order (as amended), the information and supporting documentation for each application is the same.

We enclose copies of the documents outlined below that have also been provided to BEIS.

## 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 (which are also relevant to the variations proposed to the DML); and
  - **1.1.2.** An explanation as to why the proposed changes are considered to be non-material (which also applies to the variations proposed to the DML).
- **1.2.** As stated above, this document was prepared for the non-material change application to BEIS. However, as the variations sought to the DML are so closely related to the changes sought to the 2014 Order (as amended), it is our view that the Supporting Statement will provide the MMO with sufficient information to determine the request for a variation of the DML.

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

- **2.1.** A tracked changes version of the variations sought against the DML as varied in 2018 is included with this application.
- 3. The draft Amendment Order 2021 and a tracked change version of the 2014 Order (as amended)
  - 3.1. For completeness and for your reference only, we have also included:
    - **3.1.1.** the draft Amendment Order which sets out the amendments proposed to the 2014 Order (as amended) to reflect the changes described above; and
    - **3.1.2.** a copy of the 2014 Order (as amended) with the proposed changes tracked.

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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Enclosed:

- The Supporting Statement;
- The draft Amendment Order;
- The tracked changes version of the 2014 Order (as amended); and
- The tracked changes version of the Deemed Marine Licences (as amended in 2018).

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