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Your reference: DCO/2013/00011  
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**The Dogger Bank Teesside A and B Offshore Wind Farm Order 2015 – Request to Vary Deemed Marine Licences**

Dear Ms Opel,

We understand that you are the case officer for the Sofia Offshore Wind Farm (formerly the Teesside B Wind Farm).

As you will be aware, The Dogger Bank Teesside A and B Offshore Wind Farm Order 2015 (“**the Order**”) was granted by the Secretary of State on 4 August 2015, and subsequent variations of the Deemed Marine Licences (“**DMLs**”) contained in Schedules 8, 9, 10 and 11 of the Order were made on 22 March 2017.

Sofia Offshore Wind Farm Limited (“**SOWFL**”) is a wholly owned subsidiary of Innogy (one of the four energy companies comprising the Forewind Limited consortium that applied for, and was granted, development consent under the Order). Since the Order was granted the consortium has split. SSE and Statoil now own 50% each of Dogger Bank Teesside A (“**Teesside A**”) under a new consortium, Doggerbank Offshore Wind Farm Project 3 Projco Limited. SOWFL, now owns 100% of Dogger Bank Teesside B. Subsequently, SOWFL changed the name of the Teesside B project to Sofia Offshore Wind Farm (“**Sofia**”).

Since the Order was granted SOWFL has been working on the detailed project design and, as a result, has determined that some amendments are required to the provisions of the Order including the DMLs. SOWFL is therefore making both an application to BEIS to amend the Order using the non-material change process (“**NMC Application**”) and this request to the Marine Management Organisation (“**MMO**”) to vary the DMLs relevant to Sofia contained within Schedules 9 and 11 of the Order. The variations sought to the consent for Sofia are:

1. An increase to the capacity of the wind farm from 1.2 GW to 1.4 GW;
2. An option to use monopole foundations when installing the offshore platforms. (As the Order granted development consent for up to 200 wind turbine generators (WTGs) to be installed using monopole foundations, to limit the impact of this change, the total number of monopole foundations that can be used for either offshore platforms and WTGs will be restricted to 200);

3. An increase of the maximum WTG rotor diameter from 215 m to 288 m; and
4. An increase to the hammer energy capacity to 5,500 kj where single pile wind turbines are installed or where offshore platforms are installed using monopole foundations. Apart from the increase to rotor diameter and hammer energy capacity, all other WTG parameters will remain the same.

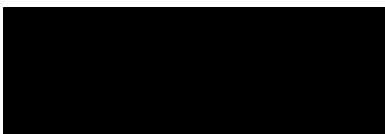
The purpose of the proposed changes is to better reflect the design and engineering options that will be used during construction of Sofia. For the avoidance of doubt, the proposed changes will affect the Sofia offshore works only. At this time, no changes are proposed to the shared onshore works or Teesside A.

Please find enclosed revised DMLs for Sofia together with tracked changed documents showing the requested changes to the DMLs at Schedules 9 and 11 to the Order. As noted above, SOWFL is also making a NMC Application to BEIS. SOWFL considers that the changes are non-material as no new or updated environmental statement is required, the changes themselves do not require a further Habitats Regulations Assessment or any new or additional licenses in respect of European Protected Species. In addition, no new compulsory purchase powers are required and as the changes are restricted to the offshore environment, SOWFL does not consider that they will have any discernible impact on local people or businesses over and above what has already been assessed. A more detailed explanation of this is contained within the NMC Application and dML variation documents, which will be submitted through the Marine Case Management System Portal. As a result, SOWFL does not consider that the application requires advertisement pursuant to the Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007 (as amended).

I understand that a fee will be payable to the MMO in relation to the amendments and confirm that SOWFL will make the requisite fee payment once an invoice has been issued by the MMO, that references the correct purchase order number.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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