

# Notice Board

## Public Notices

### PETROLEUM ACT 1998

#### Notice of Application for a Submarine Pipeline Works Authorisation

Ithaca Energy (UK) Limited hereby gives notice in accordance with the provisions of Part I of Schedule 2 to the Petroleum Act 1998 that it has made an application to the North Sea Transition Authority for the grant of an authorisation for the construction and use of a pipeline between the BLPA Subsea Umbilical Distribution Structure (SUDS) - Riser UTA and the Area B Drill Centre - Electrical Distribution Unit (EDU).

The North Sea Transition Authority (NSTA) is the business name of the Oil and Gas Authority (OGA). The OGA remains the legal name of the company. References in this notice to the NSTA should be interpreted as the OGA.

A map (or maps) delineating the route of the proposed pipelines and providing certain further information may be inspected free of charge at the places listed in the Schedule to this notice from 10am to 4pm on each weekday from the date that this notice is published until the date mentioned in the next paragraph of this notice. Alternatively log on to the following page to view electronically: <https://www.nstaauthority.co.uk/licensing-consents/consents/pipeline-works-authorisations/public-notices/>

Pursuant to a direction of the NSTA, representations with respect to the application may be made in writing by email to [consents@nstaauthority.co.uk](mailto:consents@nstaauthority.co.uk) and addressed to the NSTA, Consents and Authorisations, Third Floor, 1 Marischal Square (1MSq), Broad Street, Aberdeen, AB10 1BL (marked FAO NSTA Consents & Authorisations Manager, Offshore Pipeline Authorisations) not later than 23 February 2024 and should bear the reference "PA4749" and state the grounds upon which the representations are made.

Dated 26/01/24

Ithaca Energy (UK) Limited  
Hill of Rubislaw  
Aberdeen AB15 6XL  
United Kingdom  
Kenneth Barclay  
Captain Asset Manager

#### SCHEDULE TO THE NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - PLACES WHERE A MAP OR MAPS MAY BE INSPECTED

If you wish to view the map and/or notice document please email the relevant office using the email address referenced in the table below.

Ithaca Energy (UK) Limited Hill of Rubislaw Aberdeen AB15 6XL United Kingdom <a href="mailto:sharden@ithacaenergy.com">sharden@ithacaenergy.com</a>	North Sea Transition Authority Consents & Authorisations Third Floor 1 Marischal Square (1MSq) Broad Street Aberdeen AB10 1BL <a href="mailto:consents@nstaauthority.co.uk">consents@nstaauthority.co.uk</a>
Marine Scotland Compliance Area 1-A North Victoria Quay Edinburgh EH6 6QQ <a href="mailto:ma.marinelicensing@gov.scot">ma.marinelicensing@gov.scot</a>	Scottish Fisheries Protection Agency Old Harbour Buildings Scrabster Gairness KW14 7LJ <a href="mailto:FO.Scrabster@gov.scot">FO.Scrabster@gov.scot</a>
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## Public Notices

### PUBLIC CONSULTATION NOTICE OIL / GAS FIELD DEVELOPMENT / GAS STORAGE PROJECT / CARBON STORAGE PROJECT / DRILLING PROJECT

The following template should be completed by the developer submitting the Environmental Statement and published in accordance with Regulation 11.

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

##### Buchan Redevelopment Project

NEO Energy (ZEX) Limited (NEO Energy) has made an application for consent to the Oil and Gas Authority ("the OGA") in relation to the above project. The OGA now operates under the business name of the North Sea Transition Authority (NSTA).

##### Summary of Project

The Buchan Horst Field lies within UKCS Blocks 20/5 and 21/1 in the Central North Sea, approximately 115 km northeast of the Aberdeenshire coastline and approximately 103.5 km west of the UK/Norway median line in a water depth of approximately 111 m. The proposed Buchan Redevelopment Project comprises the development of the Buchan Horst Field (formerly known as the Buchan Field).

The proposed Project would involve the drilling of five production wells and two water injection wells tied back to a redeployed Floating Production Storage Offloading vessel (FPSO). NEO Energy plan to reuse the Western Isles FPSO, which will be upgraded before mobilisation to the Buchan Horst Field. From the FPSO, oil will be exported via a shuttle tanker whilst gas will be exported via a new gas export pipeline tied back to either the SAGE (Scottish Area Gas Evacuation) pipeline system or to the Frigg UK Association pipeline system.

Offshore drilling activities are anticipated to commence in the second quarter of 2025; and subsea installation activities in the second quarter of 2026. Production is anticipated to commence in November 2026. Upgrades to the FPSO will be carried out in port and will commence in the last quarter of 2024. The FPSO upgrades will include making the vessel 'electrification ready' to receive power from a third-party supplier as soon as it is available (earliest anticipated date is the start of 2030).

##### Environmental Impact Assessment and Consent Process

In accordance with the above-mentioned Regulations, the project is subject to an environmental impact assessment procedure and regulation 13 applies as the project could have a significant effect on the environment of Denmark, Germany, Netherlands, Norway and Sweden.

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 Energy Security and Net Zero ("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:

- 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;
- 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
- 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 NEO Energy 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-ia-regulations> and at <https://www.northernoffshore.com/buchan-redevelopment-project-environmental-statement/> and at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-2020-ia-regulations#environmental-impact-assessments-ia>. 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).

##### Access to Further Information

Copies of this notice, the summary of the project and the Environmental Statement can be viewed and downloaded at: <https://www.northernoffshore.com/buchan-redevelopment-project-environmental-statement/> and at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-2020-ia-regulations#environmental-impact-assessments-ia>. 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:

FAO Buchan Redevelopment Project  
NEO Energy  
The Silver Fin Building (7th Floor)  
455 Union Street  
Aberdeen  
AB11 6DB

By email: [buchanproject@northernoffshore.com](mailto:buchanproject@northernoffshore.com)  
By telephone: 01224 659120  
by 01/03/2024.

##### Public Consultation

Representations, comments or questions relating to the project may be made to the Secretary of State by 01/03/2024. All representations should quote reference number ES/2023/007 and may be made by letter or by email to:

Business Support Team  
Offshore Petroleum Regulator for Environment & Decommissioning  
Department for Energy Security and Net Zero  
AB1 Building  
Crimon Place  
Aberdeen  
AB10 1BJ  
[OPRED@Energysecurity.gov.uk](mailto:OPRED@Energysecurity.gov.uk)

##### Judicial Review

A person aggrieved by the grant of consent for a project may apply to the Court for leave / permission to apply for judicial review of the relevant decision or decisions. The United Kingdom has three separate legal systems: one each for England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. The rules for any application for leave / permission to apply for judicial review may vary depending on where that application is made, but it is important to note that there are time limits for making any application and judicial review may only be available if the applicant has standing / a sufficient interest in the subject matter of the application. Further information about the process for seeking judicial review can be obtained from the Administrative Court (for England and Wales), the Court of Session (for Scotland) or the Judicial Review Office (Northern Ireland).

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