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Dear Ellen,

The Norfolk Vanguard Offshore Wind Farm Order 2022 (SI 2022 No. 138) as amended by the Norfolk Vanguard (Amendment) Order 2023 (2023 No. 1390) ("DCO") The Norfolk Boreas Offshore Wind Farm Order 2021 (SI 2021 No. 1414) as amended by the Norfolk Boreas (Amendment) Order 2022 (SI 2022 No. 968)

Application for amendment of the Generation and Transmission Deemed Marine Licences pursuant to Section 72(3)(d) of the Marine and Coastal Act

Norfolk Vanguard West Limited, Norfolk Vanguard East Limited and Norfolk Boreas Limited are hereby requesting amendments to the Norfolk Vanguard and Norfolk Boreas DMLs. The proposed amendments are to the following conditions within the generation and transmission deemed marine licences: Schedules 9 and 10 Part 2, Condition 19 (1) and (3) Construction Monitoring and Schedules 11 and 12 Part 2, Condition 14 (3) Construction Monitoring. It should be noted that these amendment requests are relevant to Norfolk Vanguard West, Norfolk Vanguard East and Norfolk Boreas Generation and Transmission assets.

This letter and its supporting statement set out the justification for the proposed amendments to the above-mentioned Construction Monitoring conditions. The full wording of the existing condition and the proposed amendment is set out in Appendix 1 of the attached Supporting Statement, a tracked change version of the Norfolk Vanguard Order is provided as Appendix 2 of the Supporting Statement, and a tracked changed version of the Norfolk Boreas Order is provided as Appendix 3 of the Supporting Statement. Therefore, this Application consists of the following:

- This cover letter
- A Supporting Statement which provides
 - detail of the proposed change(s) to the DMLs;



- detail of why the proposed amendment is permissible with reference to the original application and in consideration of any implications for the existing DCO
- o additional supporting information to justify why the change is necessary; and
- Appendix 1 of the Supporting Statement which provides a comparison of existing wording and the requested change
- A tracked change version of the Norfolk Vanguard DMLs; and
- A tracked change version of the Norfolk Boreas DMLs.

Currently, the projects are required under conditions 19 (1) and (2) of Schedule 9 and 10 and conditions 14 (1) and (3) of Schedule 11 and 12 to measure the underwater noise generated by the first four piled foundations, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the MMO. The conditions also require the results of the initial noise measurements to be provided to the MMO within six weeks of the installation of the first relevant foundation.

This amendment application is made to allow each project to measure the underwater noise generated by four of the first twelve piles to be installed at each project, and to extend the reporting timeline from six weeks to nine weeks.

The Supporting Statement demonstrates that the substance of the Conditions, would not be varied. The purpose for which the Conditions were originally included in the DMLs, is to ensure that predictions made within the Environmental Statement will not be exceeded, as well as to further the understanding of noise levels in the marine environment. It is therefore considered that this change is not material and falls within the MMO's remit under section 72(3)(d) of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 (the MCAA 2009).

The Supporting Statement sets out the rationale behind the proposed amendment request. It also confirms that the proposed changes will not give rise to any new or materially different environmental effects and will not vary the required current or future monitoring obligations.

The Norfolk Vanguard West piling campaign is due to commence in 2027, the Norfolk Vanguard East piling campaign in 2028 and the Norfolk Boreas piling campaign is currently scheduled for 2030. However, noise monitoring requirements are currently being agreed through the Construction Programme and Monitoring plan and therefore a swift response would be appreciated.

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

Yours sincerely,

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