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Dear Hornsea Project Three (UK) Limited,

THE HORNSEA THREE OFFSHORE WIND FARM ORDER 2020: ARTICLE 43 – GUARANTEES IN RESPECT OF PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION

1. Thank you for your most recent correspondence dated 27 October 2026, in support of your application received on 5 December 2025, and in relation to the Hornsea Three Offshore Wind Farm ("the project") providing executed versions of:

    a. the Letter of Credit between Lloyds Bank and Hornsea Project Three (UK) Limited ("the undertaker") dated 27 October 2026;

    b. the Parent Company Guarantee – Deed of Amendment between Orsted Power UK Limited and the undertaker dated 27 October 2026; and

    c. the Shareholder Letter of Credit Support between AP Falkor Bidco and the Orsted Hornsea Three Holdings Limited dated 27 October 2026

    (together, the "Credit Support Documents").

2. The Credit Support Documents have been provided to the Secretary of State regarding the undertaker's obligations under Article 43 of the Hornsea Three Offshore Wind Farm Order 2020 ("the Order"). The undertaker is the entity to which the obligations under Article 43 of the Order apply.

3. Article 43 requires that the undertaker secures and then obtains the Secretary of State's approval of a guarantee, and the amount of that guarantee, or other form of security and the amount of that security, to cover the resulting liability before it can exercise any compulsory acquisition powers.

4. The Secretary of State has considered the Credit Support Documents made on 27 October 2026. The Secretary of State is satisfied that the necessary security for the payment of any compensation to affected landowners for their loss and damage under the compulsory acquisition powers granted in the Order is sufficient, as evidenced in the Credit Support Documents.

5. The Secretary of State therefore gives her approval that the undertaker has fulfilled its obligation under Article 43 in a suitable form of security to cover any claims for compensation relating to its exercise of any compulsory acquisition powers, and as such, may exercise the compulsory acquisition powers in accordance with the provisions in Articles 18, 20, 21, 23, 25, 26, 27 and 28 of the Order should they be required.

6. This approval supersedes the Secretary of State's approval dated 23 February 2023 in respect of the previous financial security guarantee dated 16 February 2023 between the undertaker and Orsted Power (UK) Limited.

Yours sincerely,

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On behalf of the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero