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Dear Mr Guyatt,

Rampion Offshore Wind Farm Order 2014 – S.I. 2014/1873– Proposed Non-Material Change Application

Regulation 7(3) - Written consent from Secretary of State for not consulting a person or authority

Thank you for your letter of 10 July 2020 and attachments on behalf of your client E.On Climate & Renewables UK Rampion Offshore Wind Limited, who we note are now operating as Rampion Offshore Wind Limited. Your letter set out proposals for changes to the consented Rampion Offshore Wind Farm Order 2014 (“the 2014 Order”) for the route of a footpath diversion which was approved under the 2014 Order. The letter also requests the Secretary of State’s written consent under regulation 7(3) of the Infrastructure Planning (Changes to, and Revocation of, Development Consent Orders) Regulations 2011 (as amended) (“the 2011 Regulations”) to not consult those persons listed in Appendix 2: List of stakeholders not proposed to be consulted on the NMC application, as it is considered by Rampion Offshore Wind Limited that they will not be directly affected by the proposed changes.

The Secretary of State has considered the request under regulation 7(3). He agrees with the proposal that Rampion Offshore Wind Limited does not need to consult directly with those bodies identified in Appendix 2: List of stakeholders not

proposed to be consulted on the NMC application. The Secretary of State agrees that those that need not be consulted are not directly affected, either because the changes proposed will not affect their interests or because their interests relate to a different part of the scheme. Accordingly, the Secretary of State gives written consent, to the extent set out above, under regulation 7(3) of the Infrastructure Planning (Changes to, and Revocation of, Development Consent Orders) Regulations 2011.

In taking this decision the Secretary of State notes that while those persons in Appendix 2: List of stakeholders not proposed to be consulted on the NMC application will not be consulted directly in relation to the change proposals, there will also be public consultation in line with the requirements in regulation 20 of the 2011 Regulations.

Finally, the Secretary of State's written consent in this matter should not be taken as indicating approval for any other aspects of the proposed changes to the Rampion Offshore Wind Order which fall to him for consideration and determination, or whether the proposed changes will ultimately be regarded as material or not.

Yours sincerely,

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