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**Dear Consultee**

**Sofia Offshore Wind Farm and Dogger Bank Teesside A – Joint non-material change application to the Development Consent Order (DCO)**

Dogger Bank Teesside A and Sofia Offshore Wind Farm (formerly known as Dogger Bank Teesside B) are two consented offshore wind farms in the Dogger Bank area of the North Sea. The two projects were previously known together as Dogger Bank Teesside and were developed by Forewind, a consortium comprising four leading energy companies. The Dogger Bank Teesside A and B Development Consent Order 2015 (“the DCO”) awarded consent for all elements of the two wind farms (onshore and offshore).

The project company behind Sofia Offshore Wind Farm, Sofia Offshore Wind Farm Limited (“SOWFL”), is wholly owned by Innogy Renewables UK Limited. Innogy (formally RWE), was one of the original members of the Forewind consortium. SSE and Equinor now each own 50% of Dogger Bank Teesside A under a new consortium, Doggerbank Offshore Wind Farm Project 3 Projco Limited (“Project 3 Projco”). Project 3 Projco and SOWFL are collaborating as necessary to ensure that any obligations and requirements under the DCO are met.

Project 3 Projco and SOWFL have been reviewing how to deliver the consented Dogger Bank Teesside A and Sofia Offshore Wind Farm as two separate projects. As a result, some amendments are

required to the DCO to clarify project responsibilities and facilitate delivery of the projects principally to staging, HVAC cable laying configuration and to facilitate a cable chamber at a railway crossing point. In order to secure the necessary changes Project 3 Projco and SOWFL have submitted a joint non-material change application (“Joint NMC Application”) to the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (“BEIS”). Sofia is also submitting a parallel application to the Marine Management Organisation to amend as appropriate the Deemed Marine Licences (in Schedules 9 and 11 of the DCO). Further information regarding the proposed changes is set out in the Explanatory Note that has been submitted with the Joint NMC Application.

The proposed changes comprise “non-material amendments” under the Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Changes to, and Revocation of, Development Consent Orders) Regulations 2011 (as amended). Further information regarding the proposed changes is set out in the Explanatory Note that has been submitted with the Joint NMC Application.

Please find enclosed formal notice of the Joint NMC Application, which provides details about how to view the application documents, how to make a representation and the deadline for doing so. The documents are available to view at:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/yorkshire-and-the-humber/dogger-bank-teesside-a-sofia-offshore-wind-farm-formerly-dogger-bank-teesside-b-project-previously-known-as-dogger-bank-teesside-ab/?ipcsection=docs> and also on each project’s website pages at [www.sofiawindfarm.com](http://www.sofiawindfarm.com) and <https://doggerbank.com>.

You are being formally consulted by Project 3 Projco and SOWFL on the DCO changes as you are an individual or organisation that was previously consulted about the original DCO application and you may have an interest in the area within which the onshore cable will be located and/or the marine environment where the wind farm array will be located.

I hope that the information contained within this letter is useful. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact either of the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

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