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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.

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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”). SOWFL 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).

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.

You are being formally consulted by Project 3 Projco and SOWFL on the proposed joint amendments to the DCO 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.

Please find enclosed formal notice of the Joint NMC Application, which provides details about how to view the application documents and how to make a representation. Unfortunately, it has come to our attention that your organisation was inadvertently missed from the initial circulation list for this consultation, for which please accept our sincere apologies. The response deadline for your representation is therefore extended to **17<sup>th</sup> July** rather than the 2<sup>nd</sup> July as given on the enclosed notice of the Joint NMC Application. Please also note that the e-mail address to use for any responses is [DBTeessideAB@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:DBTeessideAB@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) rather than that detailed on the notice enclosed.

The Joint NMC Application documents are available to view on the Planning Inspectorate's joint project page 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>.

For the avoidance of doubt, please note that both Project 3 Projco and SOWFL have also submitted separate non-material change applications for proposed changes that are specific to each individual project. The documents relating to those applications are also shown on the Planning Inspectorate's joint project page and on each of the relevant project's website pages. Where appropriate, you have been consulted separately about those applications.

We 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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