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Dear Ms Litten

RE: HORNSEA TWO OFFSHORE WIND FARM ORDER 2016 – PROPOSED NON-MATERIAL CHANGE APPLICATION (2)

Thank you for your e-mail of 11 December 2017 and attachments which set out proposals for changes to the consented Hornsea Two Offshore Wind Farm Order 2016 (“the Hornsea Project Two 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 A in the document titled ‘HOW02 – Offshore HVAC Collector Substation Non-Material Amendment Consultation and Publication Strategy’ (“Appendix A stakeholder list”) about the proposals, as it is considered by DONG Energy 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 DONG Energy need not consult directly with all those persons listed in the Appendix A stakeholder list. 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 the Appendix A stakeholder list 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 Hornsea Project Two 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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