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Dear Ms Williams

**The East Anglia THREE Offshore Wind Farm Order 2017 - Proposed Non-material Change Application
Regulation 7(3) Request for Consent to Consultation Proposals**

East Anglia Three Limited (EATL) submitted an Application for Development Consent and associated Deemed Marine Licences for the East Anglia THREE Offshore Wind Farm in November 2015, with consent granted by the Secretary of State for the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) in August 2017.

The East Anglia THREE Offshore Wind Farm Order 2017 (2017 Order) granted consent for the development of an offshore wind farm with a gross output of 1,200 Megawatt (MW) (1.2 Gigawatt (GW)), located 69 km off the coast of Suffolk. The 2017 Order consented up to 172 wind turbines and associated offshore infrastructure. The East Anglia THREE Offshore Wind Farm (Correction) Order 2018 was subsequently granted on 12 July 2018 to correct certain errors in the 2017 Order.

EATL is proposing to submit an application for a non-material change to the 2017 Order in relation to the East Anglia THREE offshore works (Application). Pursuant to Regulation 7(3) of the Infrastructure Planning (Changes to, Revocation of, Development Consent Orders) Regulations 2011 (2011 Regulations), EATL is seeking the consent of the Secretary of State to a reduced and focused scope of consultation for the proposed Application from that carried out in respect of the acceptance of the application for the 2017 Order.

EATL is proposing to submit the Application to request an amendment to the maximum generating capacity of the EA Three development, from 1,200 MW (as limited by the 2017 Order) to a maximum generating capacity of 1,400 MW. EATL also propose to request confirmation from the Secretary of State that the Wind Turbine Generator (WTG) capacity is not fixed for the EA Three project.

EATL note that the proposed changes will affect the EA Three offshore works only and there are no proposed changes to the onshore works.

The changes sought in the Application therefore relate specifically to the offshore marine environment and would not directly affect onshore consultees or land interests. In general terms, the changes will have limited impact on key stakeholders and consultees and will provide greater certainty with regards to the scope of the project to be constructed. As such, it is not considered necessary to consult all those persons, bodies or organisations notified of the acceptance of the 2017 Order under section 56 of the Planning Act 2008.

Appendix 1 to this letter is a list of all of those consultees that EATL proposes to consult on the Application and Appendix 2 is a list of the consultees that EATL does not intend to consult pursuant to Regulation 6 of the 2011 Regulations. You will note that for ease, and where appropriate, we have grouped consultees together. For example, we have not set out each individual landowner but included them as one group in Appendix 2 on the basis that they have an onshore interest only and no relevant representations were made. Where a relevant representation was made by a party that we are not proposing to consult we have set out why we have reached this conclusion in Appendix 2.

EATL intends to submit the Application by 18th March 2019. In order for us to meet that timeframe we would be grateful if you would please provide confirmation of your approval of the reduced consultee list at Appendix 1 by 15th March 2019.

We confirm that EATL will also undertake formal public consultation of the Application and will publish notice of the Application in accordance with Regulation 6 of the 2011 Regulations. It is proposed that the notice is published for two consecutive weeks in the following publications:

1. Fishing News
2. East Anglian Daily Times
3. Eastern Daily Press
4. Ipswich Star

We would be grateful for confirmation that EATL's publication proposals are satisfactory.

We have copied this correspondence to the Planning Inspectorate.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with either me or our legal representative, Victoria Redman from Womble Bond Dickinson LLP (0117 989 6861, Victoria.redman@wbd-uk.com) with any queries or if further information is required.

Yours sincerely

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