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Dear Sir/Madam

Application by East Anglia THREE Limited application for a non-material change 2020 to East Anglia THREE Offshore Wind Farm

Thank you for your consultation dated 21 July 2020. The following constitutes Natural England's formal statutory response.

Natural England has reviewed documentation in support of the application for non-material changes in relation to East Anglia Three (EA3) Offshore Wind Farm (OWF).

Summary

Overall, Natural England is content with the proposed changes to East Anglia Three OWF.

NE notes that the applicant is proposing to increase the number of pin piles per Offshore Substations (OSS) jacket leg (from 1 to 4) and increasing the number of legs of the OSS. Given that the applicant is reducing the number of Offshore Substations (6 to 1) and the total number of Wind Turbine Generators (WTGs) Natural England is content that the impacts will be no greater than previously assessed.

The applicant is also proposing to increase the maximum tip height of WTGs (246m to 262m), increasing the minimum air draft of WTGs (22m to 24m) and increasing rotor diameter (220m to 230m). But given that the total number of WTGs is decreasing from 172 to 121, Natural England notes that that the impacts will be lower than the original assessment and are therefore content with the non-material change proposals.

We will defer to the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) as the regulator for the deemed Marine Licence in relation to the proposed DCO/DML changes.

For any queries relating to the content of this letter please contact me using the details provided below.

Yours sincerely

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