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By email -

Dear Denise,

The East Anglia THREE Offshore Wind Farm Order 2017 (as amended) - Application for a Non-material Change (No.3) 2021

Further to our previous correspondence, East Anglia Three Limited (EATL) hereby applies for a non-material change to the East Anglia THREE Offshore Wind Farm Order 2017 (as amended) (2017 Order (as amended)) which is submitted in accordance with the Infrastructure Planning (Changes to, and Revocation of, Development Consent Orders) Regulations 2011 (as amended) (2011 Regulations) (the Application).

The East Anglia THREE Offshore Wind Farm Order 2017 (2017 Order) granted consent on 7 August 2017 for the development of an offshore windfarm with a gross output of 1,200 Megawatts (MW) (1.2. Gigawatts (GW)), located 69 km off the coast of Suffolk. The 2017 Order consented up to 172 wind turbines and associated 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 submitted an application for a non-material change in 2019 to amend the maximum generating capacity of the East Anglia THREE Offshore Wind Farm from 1,200 MW to 1,400 MW. The resultant East Anglia THREE Offshore Wind Farm (Amendment) Order 2019 was made on 6 June 2019 (2019 Amendment Order).

EATL submitted a further application for a non-material change in July 2020, in which amendments to the parameters of the Wind Turbine Generators (WTGs) were sought, including a reduction in the number of WTGs; an increase in the rotor and blade tip height; and a reduction in the number of offshore substations. The resultant East Anglia THREE Offshore Wind Farm (Amendment) Order 2021 was made on 15 April 2021 (2021 Amendment Order). Associated applications were also made to the Marine Management Organisation to vary the Deemed Marine Licences in line with the amendments made in the 2021 Amendment Order. In this letter, the 2017 Order (as amended) refers to the 2017 Order as amended by both the 2019 Amendment Order and the 2021 Amendment Order. This is the third non material amendment application to be sought to the 2017 Order.

This Application seeks to make a non-material change to the 2017 Order (as amended) relating to the WTGs. The changes in the Project parameters subject to the NMC application are:

- The removal of the stated gross electrical output capacity;
- An increase in the maximum tip height of the WTGs from 262 m to 282 m (relative to Lowest Astronomic Tide (LAT));
- An increase in the maximum rotor diameter of the WTGs from 230 m to 250 m; and
- A reduction in the maximum number of WTGs from 121 to 100.

This Application seeks to amend the 2017 Order (as amended) for the EA THREE Offshore wind farm (the Project) to allow the Project to benefit from continuing technological developments in the offshore wind industry and to further reduce the cost of these projects to the consumer in line with government policy. The Supporting Statement for this Application concludes that the proposed amendments will not result in any new or materially different likely significant effects from those described in the original Environmental Statement.

A separate application is being made to the Marine Management Organisation to vary the Deemed Marine Licences in line with the changes in this Application.

In accordance with Regulation 4 of the 2011 Regulations, we enclose copies of the documents outlined below:

## 1. The Supporting Statement

- 1.1 This document includes:
  - 1.1.1 The details of the proposed non-material change to the 2017 Order (as amended) as prescribed by the 2011 Regulations; and
  - 1.1.2 An explanation as to why the proposed change is considered non-material.

## 2. The draft Amendment (No.3) Order 2021

- 2.1 The enclosed draft Amendment (No.3) Order sets out the amendments proposed to the 2017 Order (as amended) to reflect the changes described above.
- 2.2 For completeness, we have also attached a copy of the validation report for the draft Amendment Order.
- 3. A tracked changes version of the 2017 Order (as amended)
- 3.1 This document highlights, in tracked changes, the proposed amendments to the 2017 Order (as amended).
- 4. A tracked changes version of the Deemed Marine Licences (as amended in 2019)
- 4.1 We have enclosed a copy of the Deemed Marine Licences (as amended in 2019) with the proposed changes tracked for your reference. The tracked changes from NMC(2) (pink) and NMC(3) (blue) are highlighted using different colours. We only require responses on NMC(3) (which is highlighted in blue). NMC(2) was granted and the MMO was satisfied with the proposed non-material changes to the East Anglia Three Offshore Windfarm Order 2017 on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021, however the procedural process of varying of the DML to reflect these changes has not yet been completed. This procedural change is underway via consultation with the MMO.
- 5. A copy of the newspaper notice required by Regulation 6 of the 2011 Regulations (Notice)
- 5.1 The Notice will be published in the following newspapers as required by Regulation 6 of the 2011 Regulations:
- Fishing News;
- East Anglian Daily Times:
- Eastern Daily Press;
- Ipswich Star:
- The Lowestoft Journal;
- The Great Yarmouth Mercury;
- Beccles and Bungay Journal;
- Norwich Evening News;

- The West Suffolk Mercury;
- Great Yarmouth Advertiser; and
- The Waveney Advertiser.

A copy of the Notice is enclosed with this Application. The Regulation 7A consultation and publicity statement will follow after the second publication of the notice on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2021. This statement will confirm that EATL has consulted on the Application in accordance with Regulations 6 and 7 of the 2011 Regulations.

EATL confirms that the application fee of £6,891.00, as required by Regulation 5 of the 2011 Regulations (and confirmed by the Fee Confirmation Letter issued by BEIS on the 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021), has been processed for payment to BEIS on 1<sup>st</sup> July (confirmed by BEIS), and will be allocated to this Application.

For ease of reference, we also enclose a checklist at Schedule 1 to this letter, setting out all the information required by Regulation 4(2) of the 2011 Regulations.

We would be grateful if you would acknowledge safe receipt of this letter and its enclosures.

If you have any questions or require clarification on the content of this letter or accompanying information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely



## Phil Rew-Williamson East Anglia THREE Consents Compliance Manager ScottishPower Renewables, on behalf of East Anglia Three Limited

## **Enclosures:**

- The Supporting Statement;
- The draft Amendment Order;
- The Validation Report for the draft Amendment Order;
- The tracked changes version of the 2017 Order (as amended);
- The tracked changes version of the Deemed Marine Licences (as amended in 2019); and
- The newspaper notice as required by Regulation 7 of the 2011 Regulations.

Schedule 1: Checklist of details required by Regulation 4(2) of the 2011 Regulations

Regulation	Requirement	Response
4(2)(a)	Name and address of applicant	Philip Rew-Williamson, East Anglia Three Limited, 3rd Floor, 1 Tudor Street London, EC4Y 0AH
4(2)(b)	Name and address of an agent, if appointed	N/A
4(2)(c)	The Secretary of State's reference for the development consent order to which the application relates	The East Anglia THREE Offshore Wind Farm Order 2017 (S1 2017/826) (as amended) PINS reference: EN010056
4(2)(d)	Details of the change being applied for	<ul> <li>The Application seeks to make a non-material change to the 2017 Order (as amended) relating to the Wind Turbine Generators (WTGs); a summary of the proposed amendments is detailed below:</li> <li>The removal of the stated gross electrical output capacity;</li> <li>An increase in the maximum tip height of the WTGs from 262m to 282m (relative to Lowest Astronomic Tide (LAT));</li> <li>An increase in the maximum rotor diameter of the WTGs from 230m to 250m; and</li> <li>A reduction in the maximum number of WTGs from 121 to 100.</li> <li>Further details of the proposed changes are set out in the Supporting Statement enclosed.</li> </ul>
4(2)I	Any documents and plans considered necessary to support the application	A Supporting Statement, draft Amendment Order, a copy of the 2017 Order (as amended) with the proposed amendments shown in tracked changes and a copy of the newspaper notice are enclosed.  The Secretary of State is requested to confirm that the above documents are sufficient for determination of the Application.
4(2)(f)	A statement as to the status of the applicant, as referred to in regulation 4(2)(f)(i)	EATL was the applicant who originally applied for the 2017 Order.
4(2)(ff)	The consultation and publicity statement referred to in regulation 7A	This will be provided to the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy after the second newspaper advert has been published.
4(2)(g)	Details of the applicant's interest in the land	EATL have an agreement with The Crown Estate for the lease of the necessary seabed.

4(2)(h)  If requested by Secretary of Secret	Application are not required.  the other
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