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East Anglia ONE, THREE and FOUR project update

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Meeting objectives	Project updates on East Anglia ONE, THREE and FOUR (teleconference)
Circulation	All

Summary of key points discussed and advice given:

Welcome and introductions

Following introductions, the Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) advised on its openness policy and that any advice given would be recorded and placed on the National Infrastructure Planning Portal website under section 51 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (PA2008). Any advice given under section 51 does not constitute legal advice upon which applicants (or others) can rely.

East Anglia THREE

EAOW gave an overview of the progress of the project to date. They confirmed that they will be seeking consent for either the 1x 1200MW option or the 2 x 600MW design option and the onshore cable route will follow that of the East Anglia ONE cable route, utilising the ducts provided as part of the East Anglia ONE project. If the 2 x

600MW option is constructed, there would be an anticipated 18 months between the first and second phase of the development for East Anglia THREE in respect of the pulling through of the cables. The Inspectorate advised that the EAOW should be aware of the examination of Hornsea Project 2 wind farm, particularly the first round of written questions, as it may prove useful as an example of a phased project approach.

The application for East Anglia THREE is anticipated to be submitted in November 2015, with the relevant representations period falling in the New Year should the application be accepted. EAOW stated that progress is being made with additional s42, s46 and s47 consultation.

Currently, chapters for the Environmental Statement (ES) are being drafted with good progress so far. The applicant will be assessing both design options (ie 1 x 1200MW and 2 x 600MW) and presenting this in the ES.

The applicant intends to submit draft documents to the Inspectorate for feedback in June/July 2015. The applicant will keep the Inspectorate informed of the likely timescales for draft document submissions.

EAOW has attended a workshop with Natural England and is due to recommence work on the Evidence Plan at the start of June.

There are a number of HRA issues regarding ornithology onshore and offshore that are being discussed. Information on this will be presented in the ES

The Inspectorate advised that EAOW look at new DECC guidance: Guidelines on the assessment of transboundary impacts of energy developments on Natura 2000 sites outside the UK.

Consultation

EAOW has sought legal advice and consulted local authorities on carrying out specific s42 and s47 consultation following some changes to project proposals. The Statement of Community Consultation (SOCC) will be updated; it was originally published in 2013. The updates intend to reflect how the EAOW proposes to consult on the amended scheme and reflect how changes to proposals may change the impacts set out in original s42. EAOW also intends to hold a public drop-in meeting for those affected along the cable route.

East Anglia FOUR

Project update

EAOW explained that the timeline for East Anglia FOUR is still under review. Submission of the application is likely to be Q4 2017/Q1 2018.

EAOW will be in contact with the Inspectorate on a monthly basis in order to keep up to date on the timeline.

East Anglia ONE

EAOW gave an overview of a proposed amendment to the Development Consent Order (DCO). EAOW intends to submit the change application mid-May 2015 to DECC.

The key changes that will be applied for are:

- changing from HVAC to HVDC export cables, with an overall reduction in cables;
- increasing the number of onshore export cables from 2 to 3;
- changing the need offshore for converter stations to collector stations, with the overall number reduced; and
- changing the need onshore for converter stations to one substation.

The Inspectorate advised that EAOW look at the Heysham to M6 Link Road nonmaterial change application that has been decided and published, as well as the Galloper wind farm change application which is currently being considered. The Inspectorate also gave some advice on which documents would be required to accompany an application, including a cover letter, revised DCO, and revised works plans. Furthermore, for clarity, the Inspectorate suggested that a diagram of the new cable layout may also be helpful in relation to understanding how the number of cables will increase but are still able to be accommodated in the same cable corridor as consented.

EAOW will also submit this application to the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) for amendment of the Deemed Marine Licence.

The Inspectorate explained their role in the change application process. Consultation will be carried out by the Inspectorate, but the application will be decided by DECC. After consultation is carried out by the Inspectorate the application will be sent to DECC and documents published on the website.

The Inspectorate recommended that EAOW accurately represents stakeholder views in their report.

After EAOW queried whether new regulations would affect the application, but these regulations commence after the application will be made.

The applicant agreed they would keep in contact with the Inspectorate coming up to the time of submission.