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Dear Karl-Jonas,

Thanks for your email.

I now attach the page as requested.

Regards,

Tony Morley

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 January 2021 16:50
To: East Anglia ONE North <EastAngliaOneNorth@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>; East Anglia Two <EastAngliaTwo@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
Subject: Open Floor Hearings - EA One North 20023073 & EA2 20023074

Dear Sir,

I have been advised that I am due to make a further presentation at the OFHs later this month. Could you please delete my name from the new hearings as I don't wish to add to my previous [presentation](#).

After my presentation at the last hearings the inspector asked for a copy of the [page](#) I referred to in the OFGEM Decarbonisation Action Plan which mentioned that onshore radial transmission links are not economic, sensible or acceptable to local communities. Page 19 of their Action Plan is attached.

Yours faithfully,

Tony Morley



More effective coordination to deliver low cost offshore networks

The current frameworks relating to developing and connecting offshore wind generation need to be reviewed in light of the government's expectations for offshore wind. In 2019, the government stated²³ its ambition of achieving a significant increase in offshore wind capacity by 2030 from the level of around 10GW currently. We do not consider that individual radial offshore transmission links²⁴ for this amount of offshore generation are likely to be economical, sensible or acceptable for consumers and local communities. We are therefore working with government and industry to review the frameworks for connecting offshore wind generation, and will explore whether a more coordinated offshore transmission system could reduce both financial and environmental costs.

The Electricity System Operator (ESO) is responsible for planning a coordinated and efficient transmission

system both onshore and offshore. We will work with the ESO to ensure it rigorously assesses the options for coordination of offshore transmission, including analysis of the likely costs and benefits, beginning in spring this year. We will support and scrutinise the ESO's work, and identify current barriers to the development of coordinated offshore transmission assets and work to remove them.

We will work with government and key stakeholders to design and plan any required changes to the existing regulatory frameworks and the offshore transmission regime. In addition, we are discussing the potential for projects that integrate international interconnectors with offshore transmission networks with governments, other regulators and industry. We will consider how best to work with developers and network firms in order to identify regulatory barriers for future international meshed or hybrid projects, and work to ensure these projects can be rigorously assessed to maximise consumer benefits.



Action 3

More effective coordination to deliver low cost offshore networks

We will explore, with government and industry, options for a more coordinated offshore transmission system to connect offshore wind generation, to achieve a rapid and economic expansion of the offshore network. As a first step we will work with the Electricity System Operator (ESO) to ensure it can take forward an options assessment for offshore transmission.

²³ https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/853886/Queen_s_Speech_December_2019_-_background_briefing_notes.pdf

²⁴ To date, offshore windfarms in GB have been connected to the shore via standalone transmission links. With more offshore windfarm projects planned, many of which are further from shore than those developed already, there is potential for efficiencies from greater coordination of offshore transmission infrastructure.