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To: <u>East Anglia ONE North</u>; <u>East Anglia Two</u>

Subject: East Anglia OWFs ExQs1 **Date:** 27 October 2020 13:59:17

Dear Sir/Madam

Hereby we provide you with our response:

1.2.25:

Transboundary Effects: The Netherlands The ExA notes the content of the RR [RR-066] from Rijkswaterstaat (the Directorate-General for Public Works and Water Management/ Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management of the Netherlands) regarding the Applicant's assessment of transboundary offshore ornithology effects. The draft SoCG [AS-048] notes that there is not yet agreement on this matter and that the next step is for the Applicant to respond to the RR. That response is set out in the Applicant's submission [AS-036].

a) Does Rijkswaterstaat accept the Applicant's explanation of its approach? If not, please respond to the points raised in the Applicant's justification set out at Table 59 of [AS-036].

Yes

b) In particular, does Rijkswaterstaat agree with the Applicant's statement that its HRA screening report [APP-044] and offshore ornithology cumulative impact assessment [APP-060] adequately take account of the effects on 'non-UK' birds?

Yes, the outcomes of our cumulative impact assessment (KEC 3.0, all (inter)national operational and planned OWFs) led to the conclusion that for the selected birds, vulnerable for habitat loss of bird collisions, remained well within the PBR range. E.g. highest fraction of PBR for: Herring gull (collisions): fraction 0.33 of international PBR, Razorbill (habitat loss): fraction of 0.27 of the international PBR.

Kind regards

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