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(By email only)

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Dear Rynd Smith,

Planning Act 2008, Scottish Power Renewables, Proposed East Anglia Two (EA2) Offshore **Windfarm Order**

Response to Notification of hearings

The Marine Management Organisation (MMO) is an interested party for the examination of Development Consent Order (DCO) applications for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) in the marine area. Should consent be granted for the project, the MMO will be responsible for monitoring, compliance and enforcement of Deemed Marine Licence (DML) conditions.

The MMO received a Rule 8(3) letter dated 21 January 2021 containing the notification of hearings for the proposed East Anglia Two Offshore Wind Farm (Ref EN010078).

The MMO notes that Issue Specific Hearings (ISH) 7, 8 and 9 are set for week commencing 15 February. The MMO highlights to the Examining Authority that due to resourcing issues the MMO may not attend all hearings and if attendance is required can this be set out within the Agenda including which sections of the Agenda the MMO will be required to speak.

The MMO notes that the current outstanding concerns are unlikely to be progressed to agreement in time for these ISHs, however the MMO and the Applicant are endeavouring to provided an update at this stage.

In addition to this the MMO has concerns on the remaining time left within the Examination and the time to provide a response at each deadline. The MMO is fully engaging with the process and endeavours to provide a detailed response at each deadline, however, the MMO may request a slight extension to a future deadline to provide the best quality information at the earliest opportunity.

Please find the MMO's response to the notification of hearings below.

1. Notification of wish to make oral representations at the Issue Specific Hearing 7 on **Biodiversity and Habitats Regulations Assessment**

The MMO may attend the Issue Specific Hearing on Biodiversity and Habitats Regulations Assessment on 17 February 2021. The MMO will review the Agenda and provide confirmation on the MMO's attendance at that stage.

2. Notification of wish to make oral representations at the Issue Specific Hearing on Seascape



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The MMO may attend the Issue Specific Hearing 8 on Seascape on 18 February 2021. The MMO will review the Agenda and provide confirmation on the MMO's attendance.

3. Notification of wish to make oral representations at the Issue Specific Hearing on the draft Development Consent Order

The MMO will be attending the Issue Specific Hearing 9 on the draft Development Consent Order on 19 February 2021.

If you have any queries regarding the topics listed above, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely



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