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For the Attention of: The Rt. Hon. Kwasi Kwarteng  
Secretary of State  
Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS)

Dear Mr. Kwarteng,

**Re: The re-determination of the DCO for the Norfolk Vanguard offshore wind farm**

This is my response to your question about the proposed re-determination process as outlined in your letter of 29 April 2021.

The process of re-determining the Vanguard DCO will only look at the cumulative effect on the landscape and visual impact at Necton, which is the minimum action required as a result of the Judicial Review finding. There is a bigger picture here where the applicant divided a huge project up into two halves to get it through the planning process because they thought the project would be problematic to get through as a single project. The Vanguard examination dealt with the cumulative impact of the Vanguard and Boreas projects together in such an off-hand way that a Judicial Review judgement found it unlawful.

To just re-determine the DCO is to lose sight of the bigger picture, that Vanguard and Boreas should be considered together because they are two halves of a whole, using the same cable route, same connection point to the National Grid and being installed by the same company. Had these projects been separated in time, it could have been reasonable to separate the DCOs but they are not. In the interests of ensuring a fair and complete assessment, the examinations should be re-wound and a new application made for the whole infrastructure.

I therefore disagree with the proposed process and request that the applicant be required to start again with submission of a new DCO for the whole Vanguard and Boreas infrastructure project.

Yours sincerely,

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