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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

I would like to forward my response to the three questions you asked in your letter of 29 April 2021.

Question 1: The procedure you intend to follow

I do not believe that re-determination is appropriate in this case. After the quashing of the Vanguard DCO approval and the current indeterminate state of the Boreas DCO, it would be appropriate to consider these two halves of a whole piece of inter-related infrastructure together. When the Vanguard DCO was submitted, the examining Authority was told that there was insufficient information about Boreas for the cumulative impacts of the two DCOs to be considered. The examining Authority was therefore not able to do a thorough examination. This is no longer the case and a single DCO for the complete infrastructure should now be examined.

Question 2: Whether as part of that procedure, he should ask the planning inspectorate to re-open the examination to consider the cumulative landscape and visual impacts at Necton

I agree that the Planning Inspectorate should be the means of considering the cumulative impacts at Necton

Question 3: Whether Interested Parties agree with the Secretary of State assessment of the situation set out in paragraph 6 above regarding the additional materials that will put him in a better position to make the assessment of cumulative landscape and visual impacts in the re-determination of the Norfolk Vanguard application and whether Interested Parties consider there to be any further documentation submitted as part of the Norfolk Boreas examination that would be helpful in this regard.

I do not agree with this assessment. The additional materials referred to in the Secretary of State's letter will not lead to a material change to the mitigation proposed in the Vanguard or indeed Boreas DCOs. Appropriate mitigation has not been proposed by the applicant at any point during either the Vanguard or Boreas examinations, and the process resulting from the assessment of the Secretary of State will not address this shortfall.

Yours sincerely,

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