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Dear Chris White,

Hornsea Project Three Offshore Wind Farm

Notice of Duty to Notify Commission [Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy] of proposed application in accordance with Section 46 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended)

We are writing to notify you in accordance with S. 46 'Duty to notify [Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy] that DONG Energy Hornsea Project Three (UK) Ltd, of 5 Howick Place, London, SW1P 1WG (the applicant) intends to apply to the Secretary of State (SoS) under S.37 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (here after referred to as 'The Act') for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to construct, operate, maintain and decommission an offshore wind farm known as the Hornsea Project Three Offshore Wind Farm (Hornsea Three).

The Applicant will commence consultation with the consultation bodies identified under S. 42 of the Act on 27 July 2017. This consultation will close on 20 September 2017. In accordance with S. 45(2) of the Act the deadline date for the receipt of comments is not less than a period of 28 days, beginning with the day after the day on which the person receives the consultation documents.

The Applicant has also taken the decision to consult with a number of 'non-prescribed' bodies who may be interested in the proposed development over the same period. The relevant consultation bodies will also be sent a copy of the S.48 Notice in accordance with Regulation 11 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009.

In accordance with S. 46(1) of the Act please find enclosed:

- Copy of the S. 42 Covering letter (web version);
- Copy of the Statutory consultation plans;
- Copy of notice publicised in accordance with S. 48 of the Act. This notice includes details of public consultation events and locations where the consultation material can be inspected free of charge; and
- Copy of Hornsea Project Three Statutory Consultation overview documentation which is being sent out by post to those located near to the PEIR boundary (circa within a 1 km buffer) and which will also be available at the community access points which are acting as deposit points for the consultation materials.

All consultation documentation regarding Hornsea Three can be found on the Hornsea Three website from 27th July 2017: www.dongenergy.co.uk/hornseaproject3. This comprises: statutory consultation plans, full Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) including a Non-Technical Summary, Introductory Chapters (volume 1), offshore chapters (Volume 2), onshore chapters (Volume 3), Introductory Chapter Annex's (Volume 4), offshore chapter annex's (Volume 5), onshore chapter annex's (Volume 6) and Draft Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment.

A USB card containing this information has also be sent to the Planning Inspectorate concurrently to issuing the statutory consultation material.

The S. 42 letter and S. 48 notice confirms: -

- Hornsea Three is located in the southern North Sea and has a generating capacity of up to 2.4 gigawatts.
- The offshore wind turbines will be located in the eastern portion of the former Hornsea Round 3 Zone (referred to as the "array area"), which has a total area of 696 km² and is located approximately 121 km northeast of the Norfolk coast and 160 km east of the Yorkshire coast and the electricity generated from Hornsea Three will be transmitted via subsea electricity cables. The Hornsea Three offshore cable corridor extends from the Norfolk coast, offshore in a north-easterly direction to the western and southern boundary of the array area.
- From the Norfolk coast, underground onshore cables will connect the offshore wind farm to an onshore high voltage direct current (HVDC) converter station or a high voltage alternating current (HVAC) substation, which in turn, will connect to the existing Norwich Main National Grid substation, located to the south of Norwich. The mode of transmission will be either HVDC, HVAC or a combination of the two. Depending on the mode of transmission, a HVAC booster station may be required (onshore and/or offshore). The onshore cable corridor search area currently comprises a 200 metre wide corridor within which a refined onshore cable corridor (80 metre wide) will be located.
- As the proposed generating capacity of Hornsea Three exceeds 100 megawatts (MW) it is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project as defined by S. 15(3) of the Act.
- The DCO application will contain full details of Hornsea Three and will be accompanied by an Environmental Statement prepared under S. 37(3) of the Act and in accordance with the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009 (as amended) (the Regulations).
- A DCO application is expected to be submitted in Quarter 2 of 2018.
- Consultation documents can be accessed free of charge during consultation period. Details of where the documents are deposited, including opening times are provided in the S. 48 Notice.
- The Applicant will hold a series of public exhibitions in September 2017, details for which are provided in the S. 48 Notice.
- Further information regarding Hornsea Three can be found on the Hornsea Three website from 27th July 2017: www.dongenergy.co.uk/hornseaproject3.

If you have any queries or require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely
DONG Energy



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Enclosed:

- a. Details of proposed newspaper advertisements
- b. Hornsea Project Three Statutory Consultation overview documentation.
- c. Copy of the S. 42 Covering letter (web version), Statutory consultation plans and S. 48 notice.

cc

Kay Sully (Planning Inspectorate, Case Manager)
Karl-Jonas Johansson (Planning Inspectorate, Case Officer)

Enclosure a. Details of proposed newspaper advertisements

Paper	1st round	2nd round
Eastern Daily Press	29/07/2017	05/08/2017
Norwich Evening News	29/07/2017	05/08/2017
North Norfolk Evening News	wc 31/07/2017	wc 07/08/2017
Diss Mercury	wc 31/07/2017	wc 07/08/2017
Wymondham & Attleborough Mercury	wc 31/07/2017	wc 07/08/2017
The Guardian	31/07/2017	N/A
London Gazette	31/07/2017	
Lloyd's List	01/08/2017	
Fishing News	02/08/2017	