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## **Thanet Extension Offshore Wind Farm – EN010084**

### **Response to the Rule 6 Letter**

Dear Ms Mignano,

I am writing in response to the Rule 6 Letter dated 9 November 2018 and published by the Planning Inspectorate. Whilst this letter does not specifically cite, or require, the Applicant to respond by the deadline of midday (12 noon) on Monday 3 December 2018, in order to assist the Examining Authority it was considered it would be helpful to draw certain specific matters to the Examining Authority's attention.

### **Attendance and Representation at the Preliminary Meeting, Issue Specific Hearing One and Issue Specific Hearing Two**

To confirm, the Applicant will be represented by Counsel, Mr Scott Lyness of Landmark Chambers, at the hearing. In attendance will also be legal representation from Womble Bond Dickinson (UK) LLP, in addition to members of the core team and key consultants, as required and depending on the topic under consideration.

### **Item 4 of the Preliminary Meeting**

The Applicant is very mindful of the length of time that will be needed in order to ensure a full and robust response to the Examining Authority's first set of written questions. Whilst it is therefore not a specific agenda item, the Applicant requests that, in order to be able to physically review, draft and pull together the responses require:

- those questions are published no later than **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018**; and
- concurrently, Deadline 1 is moved to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018 (publication at any time during that day before 23:59).

Preliminary discussions have taken place with certain key stakeholders since the publication of the Rule 8 letter and, in this regard, the Applicant is well aware that Deadline 1 may create difficulties for certain parties, falling as it does so shortly after the Christmas break.

The Applicant also notes that all deadlines are scheduled for 12 noon. In practical terms, this requires submission documents to be finalised the previous day, thereby losing one day from the deadline. It is therefore requested that the deadlines are set at midnight or 23:59, allowing a full additional working day to finalise submissions.

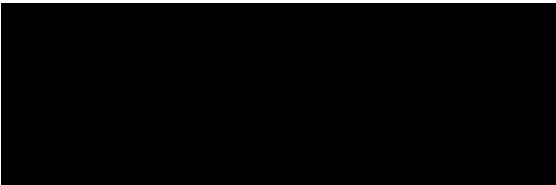
**Accompanied Site Inspections (ASI)**

It would be helpful for the Applicant in providing a suggested itinerary as requested for Deadline I to have clarification on the intended scope of the site inspection. For example, the Applicant would benefit from understanding whether the Examining Authority proposes to include offshore viewpoints, the onshore development area, or an offshore site visit as part of the inspection, in order to make arrangements accordingly.

The Application also suggests consideration of a reserve date for the ASI as site visits at this time of the year may need to be postponed due to adverse weather. A reserve date for the ASI prior to Issues Specific Hearing 8 would still provide time in the examination for matters arising to be dealt with and is likely to benefit from better weather conditions.

Should further clarification or updates be required, please contact myself.

Kind regards



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