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The Applicant's response to Deadline 2

Dear Ms Mignano,

The Applicant is pleased to provide its response to Deadline 2, required for submission by 23:59, Tuesday 5 February 2019.

These documents have been prepared by the Applicant in response to the Rule 8 letter issued by the Examining Authority (ExA) on 18 December 2018. All submissions are listed in the updated Guide to the Application (Appendix 24).

Submissions requested by the ExA

As requested in the examination timetable, Annex A to the Rule 8 letter, the following documents have been submitted:

- Comments on Written Representations (Appendices 1-5)
- Comments on Local Impact Reports (Appendices 7-9)
- Comments on responses to the first round of ExQs (Appendix 10)
- Revised draft DCO (Appendix 12) and a revised Explanatory Memorandum including log of the changes to the DCO (Appendix 13)
- Further information requested by the ExA Action 8 from ISH2, comments on proposed red line boundary amendments (captured in Appendix 2)
- Comments on responses to Issues Specific Hearing 2 actions (Appendix 11)
- Updated landowner and commercial agreements tracker (Appendices 17 and 18)

Additional documents

In addition to those requested by the ExA in the Rule 8 letter, the Applicant has submitted the following documents in response to stakeholder comments from relevant and written representations:

- Revised Saltmarsh Mitigation, Reinstatement and Monitoring Plan (Appendix 23)
- MCZ Clarification Note (Appendix 25)
- Revised Offshore Archaeological Draft Written Scheme of Investigation (Appendix 27)



Shipping cooperation plan

At Deadline 1 the Applicant suggested that an outline Shipping Cooperation Plan (oSCP) would be submitted at Deadline 2. However, following review of written representations, the Applicant considers that the document, and the principles contained within the NRA which forms the basis for the oSCP, would benefit from discussion with stakeholders prior to submission. This is particularly given in its current form the document would not be much advanced from the contents set out in the NRA. As such this document is planned to be submitted at Deadline 3, with progress captured within the updated SoCGs that have been requested for Deadline 3.

Report to Information Appropriate Assessment

The Applicant has submitted an updated Report to Information Appropriate Assessment (RIAA) (Appendix 21). This document has revised to account for evolving understanding of a number of recent European court decisions, including <u>People Over Wind and Sweetman v Coillte Teoranta (C-323/17)</u>. The RIAA has also been amended to take into account the removal of landfall Option 2 and the refinement of the Offshore Export Cable Corridor boundary, following comments and submissions made by stakeholders.

In support of the RIAA and at the request of Natural England and the MMO, a Site Integrity Plan is submitted (Appendix 22) and secured by condition to the deemed Marine Licence(s).

Documents relating to the removal of landfall option 2

At Deadline 1 the Applicant announced the decision to remove landfall option 2, which comprised a permanent seawall extension and overground cable berm. Updates to documents were required to reflect this change and this was set out in Appendix 45 to the Deadline 1 submission. As such the following documents have been submitted for Deadline 2:

- Review of the Environmental Statement following the removal of Option 2 (Appendix 14)
- Documents revised to account for a change in the land rights being sought at landfall:
 - o Book of Reference and a tracked change version (Appendix 15)
 - Statement of Reasons (Appendix 16)
 - o Land Plan (Onshore) (Appendix 19)
 - Special Category Plan (Appendix 20)

The draft DCO has also been updated to account for the removal of landfall Option 2. Following further consideration, it has been determined that amendments to the onshore Works Plan are not required.

Email submission of documents

The documentation submitted at Deadline 2 is being sent via email to the PINS Thanet Extension address. These emails will be numbered and will each contain a document or documents under 12mb in size. In line with the approach adopted for Deadline 1 the Applicant will include a tabulated list of documents within each email.



Should there be any queries or issues with the documents submitted please contact myself.

Kind regards



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