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Please find below, the transcript of our oral submission.

Topic: Ensuring the HVDC model previously agreed under Norfolk Vanguard is secure in Norfolk Boreas.

TRANSCRIPT

My name is Katie Taylor. I'm a member of a local organisation called No to Relay Stations; N2RS for short. Our focus is on Relay Stations which are the onshore power transmission structures required by large scale HVAC wind farm projects. Our group began in 2016 with the start of the Norfolk Vanguard and Hornsea 3 projects questioning and seeking answers about the onshore impact of wind farms in Norfolk.

From the outset, it was clear that DC is the lesser of two evils because relay stations are not required and cable trenching can be narrower and less intrusive. To our delight we found that our local authorities as statutory consultees agreed with this position but most importantly Vattenfall chose to make an early commitment to HVDC. However, I note that several Norfolk Boreas documents in the inspection library set out scenarios for AC and DC in the event that Norfolk Vanguard is not approved and I assume that inspectors regard these as having been superseded by later documents whereby in the event that Vanguard does not gain approval from the Secretary of State, that DC remains the default position for Norfolk Boreas even if it is a stand-alone project.

If there is any doubt that DC will not be the preferred option, N2RS feels that this needs to be stated clearly as a priority. Thank you.

END OF TRANSCRIPT

At the end of the submission, N2RS was asked by the inspection panel to submit references in relation to the documents referred to above. However, this is no longer necessary. In the intervening period since the open floor hearing took place, N2RS has liaised with the inspection team case workers and, as a result, we were provided with references to specific Vattenfall documents which supersede earlier documents regarding transmission systems. We are satisfied that current documents from Vattenfall in the library indicate that the Norfolk Boreas onshore cable scenarios i.e. with or without Norfolk Vanguard approval, are restricted to HVDC transmission only.

It would be very helpful in future, if superseded documents in the library could be marked accordingly.