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Dear Sirs

**Norfolk Boreas Limited**  
**Development Consent Order (DCO) application for Norfolk Boreas Offshore Wind Farm**  
**Application Ref: EN010087**

### **Deadline 5 Submissions**

We write further to the Planning Inspectorate's Rule 8 letter dated 19 November 2019 (the **Rule 8 letter**). In accordance with the examination timetable at Annex A of the Rule 8 letter, we enclose the following in response to Deadline 5:

1. Applicant's Responses to the Examining Authority's (**ExA**) Further Written Questions
2. Revised draft Development Consent Order (DCO), and DCO Schedule of Changes
3. Applicant's comments on Deadline 4 Submissions and Additional Submissions
4. Other information (Additional Submissions) in response to Further Written Questions and/or as part of the examination including updated control documents.

The Applicant refers the ExA to the Guide to the Application (Document Reference 1.4 (Version 7)) for a full list of documents submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 5.

### **Project Design Envelope**

To provide further mitigation, following ongoing developments and discussion with the Applicant's supply chain, the Applicant is now committed to removing the 10MW and 11MW turbines from the project design envelope, with the smallest turbine now an 11.55MW turbine. This turbine is currently one of the largest turbines which is currently available on the market, and therefore the Applicant is now progressing a design which is at the limit of current commercial availability. This commitment results in changes to the DCO parameters including reductions in the total number of turbines to be installed from 180 to 158, which results in an increase in minimum spacing between wind turbine generators from 760 metres to 800 metres. The Applicant has also made this change in minimum spacing within the Development Principles (document reference 8.23); however, given that this is the only change to this document the Applicant has not provided a track change version.

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The Applicant has also reflected these project design commitments - including updates to parameters - within the relevant offshore control plans.

### **Updated Control Documents**

As a result of further mitigation measures, and in response to consultation and engagement with stakeholders, the Applicant has submitted revised versions of both onshore and offshore control documents (as outlined in the Guide to Application). Whilst the Applicant is mindful that these documents will likely require further updates throughout the remainder of the examination, the Applicant considered it helpful to submit revised versions at Deadline 5 and in advance of the next set of hearings.

### **Eni UK Limited (Eni UK)**

The Applicant has been in correspondence with Eni UK in relation to the ExA's WQ 2.3.0.28. Eni UK have confirmed that there is no potential for any interaction by Norfolk Boreas with the activities of Eni UK Limited and it is therefore not necessary or appropriate to include any provisions in the dDCO for the benefit of Eni UK Limited. Eni UK have requested that the Applicant supplies this email correspondence to the Planning Inspectorate. Accordingly, the Applicant has provided this email correspondence as an Appendix to the Applicant's Responses to the Examining Authority's Further Written Questions (ExA.FWQR.D5.V1). The correspondence is not redacted for the Planning Inspectorate's benefit; the Planning Inspectorate may, however, wish to redact elements of this email in the event that the Planning Inspectorate considers it necessary to publish this on the Norfolk Boreas page of the project website.

We would be grateful if you could kindly confirm safe receipt.

Yours faithfully

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