BP Exploration Operating Company Limited ("BP") wishes to make a relevant representation to the Hornsea Project Four Offshore Wind Farm (Generating Stations) development consent order ("DCO"). BP is the operator of the Northern Endurance Partnership project ("NEP"), a project to construct and operate a carbon dioxide ("CO2") transportation and storage system that will enable CO2 from carbon capture projects on Teesside and the Humber to be transported to safe, secure offshore geological storage in the Endurance saline aguifer. The East Coast Cluster ("ECC"), enabled by NEP and covering Teesside and the Humber, has been named as one of the UK's first carbon capture, usage and storage ("CCUS") clusters following a successful bid to the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS), putting it on course for deployment by the mid-2020s. The Net Zero Teesside Project DCO was accepted for examination by the Planning Inspectorate on 16 August 2021, covering the Teesside onshore elements of NEP including the onshore section of the CO2 export pipeline (above Mean Low Water Springs ("MLWS")). The CO2 export pipelines below MLWS on both Teesside and Humber and the CO2 storage site under the North Sea (the Endurance saline aquifer) will be the subject of separate consent applications, including under the Petroleum Act 1998 and the Energy Act 2008 ("the Offshore Applications"). The Offshore Applications will be supported by an offshore environmental statement. National Grid Ventures ("NGV") is the lead developer of the Humber Low Carbon Pipelines Project ("HLCP") that aims to establish a pipeline network in the Humber region to transport CO2 and hydrogen to facilitate CCUS. The HLCP will tie in to the NEP offshore export pipeline to transport CO2 generated by emitters on the Humber to the geological storage site for safe and secure storage. The HLCP forms part of the ECC.

## <u>bp's interest in the Hornsea Project Four Offshore Wind Farm (Generating Stations) DCO is as follows:</u>

bp, Carbon Sentinel Limited and Equinor New Energy Limited are the current licencees to the Carbon Dioxide Appraisal and Storage Licence CS001 (the "Storage Licence"). bp, The Crown Estate Commissioners ("TCE") and Her Majesty the Queen are the current parties to an agreement for lease relating to the carbon dioxide storage site (the Endurance saline aquifer) upon and under the seabed. Orsted Hornsea Project Four Limited ("Orsted") and TCE are party to an agreement for lease for a wind farm development in respect of, among other areas, part of the same area of seabed (such same or overlapping area being the "Overlap Zone"). The location of the wind farm and associated infrastructure covered by the Hornsea Project Four Offshore Wind Farm (Generating Stations) DCO is in part proposed to be situated in the Overlap Zone.

bp and Orsted have had, and will continue to hold, discussions regarding the interface between the respective projects within the Overlap Zone in the context of an existing commercial agreement between the parties. The terms of that agreement prevented submission of a relevant representation. However, those terms have now been varied, such that bp may make this submission.

Subject to the further discussions between the parties, bp anticipates making representations on the interface and the form of protective provisions to be included in the Hornsea Project Four Offshore Wind Farm (Generating Stations) DCO for the benefit of the licensee(s) of the Storage Licence to preserve the delivery and viability of NEP and, by extension, the projects forming part of the ECC. bp may also wish to make representations on aspects of the environmental statement, to the extent it is relevant to and/or references NEP (e.g. in relation to the cumulative effects assessment). bp wishes to reserve the right to make further representations as part of the examination process.