



# Hornsea Project Four

## Position Statement between Hornsea Project Four and National Grid Electricity Transmission PLC [DRAFT]

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**This is a first draft being submitted at Deadline 1, to be reviewed by both parties and signed by a later deadline.**

## **1 Parties**

- 1.1 Hornsea Project Four Limited (“the Applicant”) and National Grid Electricity Transmission PLC (“NGET”)

## **2 Introduction**

- 2.1 This Position Statement between the Applicant and NGET in relation to Hornsea Project Four Offshore Wind Farm (“Hornsea Four”) has been prepared for submission of the application for DCO consent of Hornsea Four. The matters on which the parties remain in discussion are limited in scope and so this Position Statement is considered an appropriate way to inform the Examiners of the outstanding issues and proposed route to conclude a commercial agreement between the Parties.
- 2.2 Discussions have been ongoing since October 2020 between the Applicant and NGET on three main points:
  - 2.2.1 Protection of NGET’s infrastructure and land which is within or in close proximity to the proposed Hornsea Four Order limits;
  - 2.2.2 Voluntary land agreements required to enable onshore cables to connect into the convertor station to be constructed by NGET on land immediately adjacent to the Creyke Beck 400kV Substation; and
  - 2.2.3 Possible offshore interaction between Hornsea Four and NGET’s proposed Scotland to England Green Link (SEGL2) Project.

## **3 Current Position**

- 3.1 Discussions are ongoing between the legal representatives of both the Applicant and NGET with regards to the protective provisions and a side agreement, to ensure specific protection for NGET assets and allow NGET to properly discharge its statutory obligations.
- 3.2 The Applicant has included Protective Provisions for the benefit of NGET in Part 3 of Schedule 9 of C1.1 Development Consent Order (DCO) Volume C1 draft DCO (APP-203).
- 3.3 Discussions are ongoing between the Applicant and NGET with a view to agreeing terms for a voluntary agreement relating to plot number 343 and NGET’s other land interests.
- 3.4 The Applicant and NGET have been in regular discussions regarding the SEGL2 Project and any potential interaction with Hornsea Four since October 2020. The Applicant does not

propose to include any more detail on SEGL2 Project in its application documentation at this stage though as it remains at an early stage.

#### **4 Outstanding Actions**

- 4.1 Discussions between the Applicant and NGET will continue with a view to completing the voluntary land agreement over Plot 343.
- 4.2 The Applicant and NGET are in ongoing constructive negotiations to finalise Protective Provisions for NGET included in the draft DCO, along with a side agreement to ensure specific protection for NGET assets and infrastructure. Both parties are confident that these agreements can be entered into shortly.
- 4.3 Monthly update meetings between Hornsea Four and NGET will continue to ensure positive interaction between the SEGL2 and Hornsea Four projects as both projects develop, and with a view to reaching any agreement that is deemed necessary in the future.

#### **5 Signatories**

NGET confirms that they have been consulted and accept the positions as outlined in this Position Statement.

**Signed on behalf of National Grid Electricity Transmission PLC:**

**Signed on behalf of Hornsea Project Four Limited:**