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**Orsted Hornsea Project Four Limited**  
**Development Consent Order (DCO) Application for Hornsea Project Four**  
**Offshore Windfarm**  
**Application Reference: EN010098**

**Applicant request for additional Deadline**

Dear Mr Johansson

The Applicant has prepared a response to the Rule 17 letter received on 19 May 2022 for the new Examination Deadline 4a on 25 May 2022. Following that response to Rule 17, the Applicant expects to submit information to resolve Natural England's concerns by Deadline 5 on 20 June 2022, in addition to providing an update on progress on commercial matters and response to the Examining Authority's Second Written Questions at that deadline. The Applicant notes that following Deadline 5, there is a relatively long period of time before other interested parties, including Natural England, are required to provide their response in writing to the information provided by the Applicant. Deadline 6 is not until 27 July 2022 which is less than one month before end of Examination, and importantly, is after the dates reserved for Issue Specific Hearings w/c 18 July 2022.

As such, the Applicant suggests a new Examination deadline is added w/c 4 July 2022 or w/c 11 July 2022 for comments on Deadline 5 responses. These responses could then inform the need for, and content of, the hearings on the dates reserved w/c 18 July 2022 and enable confirmation of resolution of issues prior to the last month of Examination.

We would appreciate your consideration of this proposal.

Yours sincerely



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For and on behalf of Orsted Hornsea Project Four Ltd.