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Cc: [REDACTED];
'hornseaprojectfour@orsted.com'; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Update on Viking Link and Hornsea Four Position

Good morning

I write further to the below, and by way of update in respect of the deadline to update PINS in respect of the commercial negotiations.

We are pleased to be able to confirm that the parties have agreed a joint statement, as set out below.

"Viking Link (VKL) and the Applicant continue to positively engage and share information in order to agree a commercial position as soon as practicable. Both parties have agreed to weekly meetings demonstrating commitment to seeking commercial resolution. With this in mind, Viking Link and the Applicant wish to defer the response to Examiners Questions INF 2.4 in order to continue meaningful discussions with a view to submitting an updated commercial position at Deadline 5A.

Please see below a summary of engagement both completed and planned following Deadline 4 and up to Deadline 5A.

VKL provided risk profile technical details

Both parties met on 7th June to discuss technical details and to plan future engagement

VKL commit to review and, where possible, will provide additional details relating to cable burial risk assessment and navigational information by 21st June.

Applicant to provide VKL comments to VKL's risk profile assessment in relation to Hornsea Four once VKL baseline cable risk assessment (in whole or in part) provided

Both parties to meet weekly leading up to Deadline 5A"

Please therefore take this email as confirmation of VKL's agreement to the above joint statement. We understand that the Applicant (Ørsted) will be including this statement within its DL5 submissions later today.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me or Stuart Andrews.

Kind regards

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Dear K-J

Please see below a summary of the current position between Viking Link ("VKL") and Orsted in relation to the Hornsea Project Four Offshore Wind Farm and the impact on the Viking Link Interconnector:

- The parties are continuing to engage productively and progress the technical matters raised by VKL in relation to the Viking Link Interconnector and also to discuss the responses made by Orsted to these issues.
- The Parties will be progressing with follow up discussions over the coming weeks, with VKL preparing to share the further technical information that Orsted have requested to allow full assessment of the position.
- It is agreed by both parties that a technical solution exists to the issues raised and the parties are committed to working towards achieving such a technical solution.
- Given these ongoing discussions and the progress being made, the parties don't believe there is a material update to be provided on the technical detail as part of the Offshore Environmental Matters Issue Specific Hearing on 26th April. As already advised to the Examining Authority, VKL are unable to attend the hearing.
- The parties are happy to provide the Examining Authority with any further information required.
- The Parties will keep the Examining Authority updated in relation to the progress of these discussions in the coming weeks and the parties will seek to agree a commercial position by Deadline 5 (20 June).

Best regards,
Hannah Towner-Roethe
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