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Dear Sir/Madam.

I am unable to attend the ISH9 session on Tuesday 19th July due to being on leave, however I can provide the below comments on MCA's position on the shipping and navigation item 5:

Update on progress on the SoCG with the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, including: **MCA position**

Two items were 'under discussion' in the latest version dated 20/6/22:

- a. 2.1 The wording of Conditions relevant to navigational safety within Schedule 11 and 12 of C1.1: Draft DCO including Draft DMLs (APP-203) are appropriate and adequate.
 - We agree with the statement subject to agreement of the following comments being incorporated in the final version:
 - Schedule 11, Part 2, 11(10). [dropped objects reporting] following our submission at Deadline 5a this is now agreed
 - Schedule 11, Part 2, 19(2) [post-construction traffic monitoring of booster stations] – I note the applicant's response at Deadline 5 where this will be included. Therefore this is now agreed.
 - Schedule 12, Part 2, Condition 27. [provision of post-construction locations
 of transmission assets] I note the applicant's response at Deadline 5
 where this will be included. Therefore this is now agreed.

This item in the SoCG can now be amended to 'Agreed'.

- b. 4.1 The Applicant consulted with the MCA on 18/01/2022 regarding the proposed locations for an offshore artificial nesting structure to ascertain any risks pertaining to the MCA's remit.
 - Pending MCA confirmation on navigation risk controls.
- 5.1 Layout principles regarding minimum distance between each Wind Turbine Generator and the nearest part of any offshore platform related to the Project Description and to offshore design parameters (draft Development Consent Order (DCO) Schedule 1, Part 3, Requirement 2 [REP5a-002]).

MCA position

As per our submission at Deadline 5, MCA is content with the version of layout principles dated 15/6/22. This version confirms that the bridge linked platform(s) will comply with all principles, including the minimum separation distance to any WTG.

5.2 Air draft below any bridge link between offshore platforms and clarification of design parameters (draft DCO Schedule 1, Part 3, Requirement 3 [REP5a-002]).

MCA position

As per our submission at Deadline 5, MCA is content with the amended wording in the DCO regarding the conversion dimension for HAT and turbine blade clearance in relation to LAT.

5.3 Update of ES Volume A2 Chapter 7 Shipping and Navigation regarding Search and Rescue [REP5-006].

MCA position

As per our submission at Deadline 5, MCA is content with Version B which

acknowledges our comments on SAR and provides a satisfactory response.

The only matter left outstanding for the whole project is to discuss and agree navigation risk controls for the artificial bird nesting structures. This should be fairly straight forward but it does need securing.

I hope you are able to accept the above in lieu of my absence at the hearing. Best regards,

Nick

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