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1 AGREED JOINT SUBMISSION BETWEEN THE APPLICANT AND BP

This position statement has been agreed between Orsted Hornsea Project Four Limited (the Applicant) and bp Exploration Operating Company Limited (bp) in response to the Secretary of State's Request for Information dated 3 March 2023.

1.1 Status of Negotiations

The Applicant and bp confirm that negotiations between the parties are ongoing, with good progress having been made since the close of the Hornsea Four Examination.

The parties are continuing to work together to find a mutually acceptable solution to the overlap of the Hornsea Four offshore wind farm and the Endurance carbon store and will update the Secretary of State as soon as possible when these negotiations have concluded.

The parties expect that agreement will be reached between them prior to the revised Hornsea Four DCO decision date of 12 July 2023.

1.2 Protective Provisions

The Secretary of State has requested protective provisions to cater for a scenario where he takes the view that the projects cannot co-exist and therefore an exclusion zone is necessary, but that the Interface Agreement remains in place. The Secretary of State has requested an agreed set of protective provisions to address this scenario, if possible.

The parties maintain their respective positions on the requirement for, and the merits of, the protective provisions submitted by each of them into Examination. For the Applicant, this is the form of protective provisions included in the draft DCO submitted at Deadline 7 ([REP7-039](#)) and for bp, this is the form of protective provisions set out in Annex 4 of its Deadline 8 submission ([REP8-023](#)).

Without prejudice to their respective positions, the Applicant and bp have prepared the form of protective provisions appended to this submission as requested by the Secretary of State.

The parties confirm that the plan to accompany the protective provisions appended to this submission is that proposed by bp at Annex 3 of its Deadline 6 response ([REP6-046](#)) which has been re-attached to this submission for ease of reference.