## SCHEDULE 7 Hornsea Four DCO Objection Withdrawal Letter

Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero c/o The Planning Inspectorate National Infrastructure Planning Temple Quay House 2 The Square Bristol BS16PN

Dear Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero,

Hornsea Project Four Windfarm Project development consent order ("Hornsea Four DCO") application, submitted 29 September 2021 (EN010098);

Commercial agreement between Orsted Hornsea Project Four Limited (registered number 08584182) and BP Exploration Operating Company Limited (registered number 0305943); withdrawal of representations

Orsted Hornsea Project Four Limited ("Orsted") and the promoters of the Northern Endurance Partnership ("NEP") Project have been negotiating the terms of a commercial agreement.

Orsted is the promoter and will be the operator of the Hornsea Four windfarm ("Hornsea Four"), which Orsted plans to develop in the coming years. Orsted is awaiting a decision on the Hornsea Four DCO application.

BP Exploration Operating Company Limited ("bp") is the appointed operator on behalf of the licence holders of the UK Carbon Dioxide Appraisal and Storage Licence CS001 (the "CCUS Licence"), namely bp and Equinor New Energy Limited ("Equinor") (registered number 06824625).

The CCUS Licence is held in relation to the carbon storage site for the NEP Project. The application for the Teesside onshore elements of the NEP Project was made under the NZT Project development consent order application submitted 19 July 2021 (EN010103).

bp is co-authoring and signing this letter on behalf of the following parties and therefore comments made herein by bp should be taken to be confirmation of the position of each of the below parties:

- 1. bp;
- Equinor;
  TotalEnergies CCS UK Limited (registered number 06710451); and
- 4. Any successors and assignees of any interest in the CCUS Licence, and any new participant in the NEP Project, which is on board at the date of this letter.

Orsted and bp confirm that a commercial agreement has been reached. On this basis, Orsted and bp agree that there are no requirements for protective provisions under the Hornsea Four DCO for the benefit of bp or any other party involved in the NEP Project. bp has no remaining objection to the Hornsea Four DCO application and agrees to withdraw any and all prior representations made in relation to the Hornsea Four DCO application.

Yours faithfully,

For and on behalf of Orsted Hornsea Project Four Limited For and on behalf of **BP Exploration Operating Company Limited**