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To:

DWD (on behalf of the applicants)
Net Zero Teesside Power Limited and Net Zero North
Sea Storage Limited
Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council
Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council

Our Ref: EN010103

Date: 14 June 2023

Dear Sir or Madam,

**Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure)
Rules 2010**

**Application by Net Zero Teesside Power Limited and Net Zero North Sea Storage
Limited (“the Applicant”) for an Order granting Development Consent for the
proposed Net Zero Teesside project (“the Proposed Development”)**

1. Thank you for your letter of 30 May 2023 in response to a letter dated 16 May 2023 from the Secretary of State requesting further information.
2. As part of the request, the Secretary of State asks, *‘that the Applicants provide an updated Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Habitats Regulations Assessment Report (HRA) which include assessment, alone and cumulatively, of the offshore elements of the Wider NZT Project, including the use of the Endurance Store’.*
3. In Appendix 1 of your letter you propose to submit an environmental and social impact assessment (ESIA) of the Offshore Elements of the wider project along with an EIA and HRA Addendum to the Environmental Statement already submitted with the original application by August 2023.
4. The Secretary of State is satisfied with the format of the documentation you propose to submit in order to comply with the request, as described in paragraph 3 above.

5. However, the Secretary of State is mindful that the statutory deadline for determining the application is 14 September 2023, and that the documents you propose providing will contain new environmental information which will need to be consulted upon, and responses to that consultation will then need to be considered before a decision can be taken. The Secretary of State is keen to avoid the need for any further extension to the statutory deadline unless this is absolutely unavoidable. With this in mind, please provide a specific date by which you expect to submit this documentation.
6. **A response confirming the likely date that the requested information will be submitted by should be sent via email only to: netzeroteessideproject@planninginspectorate.gov.uk by 23.59 on 16 June 2023.** Responses will be published on the Net Zero Teesside project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website as soon as possible after **16 June 2023**.
7. This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State's consideration of whether to grant or withhold development consent for the proposed development. Nothing in this letter is to be taken to imply what the eventual decision might be or what final conclusions the Secretary of State may reach on any particular issue which is relevant to the determination of the application.

Yours faithfully

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