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Dear Mr Wagstaff

APPLICATION REF: EN010103 – THE NET ZERO TEESIDE PROJECT

SECRETARY OF STATE’S REQUEST FOR FURTHER INFORMATION DATED 14TH JUNE 2023 IN RESPECT OF THE NET ZERO TEESIDE DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER (‘THE NET ZERO TEESIDE ORDER’) APPLICATION

LAND AT AND IN THE VICINITY OF THE FORMER REDCAR STEEL WORKS SITE (TEESWORKS SITE), REDCAR AND IN STOCKTON-ON-TEES

I write on behalf of the Applicants, Net Zero Teesside Power Limited and Net Zero North Sea Storage Limited, in response to the Secretary of State’s request for further information dated 14th June 2023 in respect of the Net Zero Teesside (“N^{ZT}”) Development Consent Order (“DCO”) Application.

As part of his earlier request for further information dated 16th May 2023, the Secretary of State asked *“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.”*

In their response to the Secretary of State dated 30th May 2023, the Applicants confirmed that they intend to submit an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) of the offshore elements of the wider project along with an update to the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Report submitted as part of the DCO Application by August 2023.

The Secretary of State has confirmed that he is satisfied with the format of the documentation (above) that the Applicants propose to submit but has requested that the Applicants provide a specific date by which they expect to submit this documentation in order to inform the timeline for the determination of the DCO Application.

In response to the Secretary of State’s request, the Applicants can confirm that it is their intention to submit the ESIA for the offshore elements of the wider project and the update to the EIA and HRA Report for the DCO Application, as requested by the Secretary of State, no later than by 4th August 2023. The Applicants agree with the Secretary of State that the information they submit will need to be consulted upon, and responses to that consultation considered before a decision on the DCO Application can be made.



I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt of this letter.

Yours sincerely



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