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RE: Awel y Môr Offshore Wind Farm DCO Application
FAO: The Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP, Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero

Dear Mr Stephens,

I am writing on behalf of Awel y Môr Offshore Wind Farm Limited (the Applicant) in relation to the Development Consent Order (DCO) application for the Awel y Môr Offshore Wind Farm project (the Project). The DCO Examination of the project began on 20 September 2022 and closed on 20 March 2023. On 20 June 2023, a Recommendation was given by the Planning Inspectorate (PINS).

Since the last update letter was issued, the Applicant has wishes to update the Secretary of State (SoS) on two matters discussed in its original update letter. These matters are described below and may be of assistance to the SoS in the decision-making process.

This update consists of factual information which may help inform the SoS in formulating any subsequent Request for Information (RFI) and therefore provision of this update does not prejudice any Interested Parties (IPs). The update concerns:

- Transmission Assets Agreement for Lease with the Crown Estate (TCE); and
- Progress on the separate Marine Licence (ML) application to Natural Resources Wales (NRW) with respect to geotechnical surveys.

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Transmission Assets Agreement for Lease (AfL)

Both the Applicant and The Crown Estate have signed the AfL for the transmission assets, and the final agreement was completed on 12 July 2023.

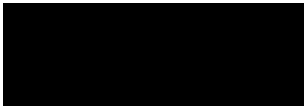
Update on the Marine Licence Submission and Progress

The Applicant made a further Marine Licence application to Natural Resources Wales Marine Licencing Team (NRW-MLT) for geotechnical surveys (reference RML2323). Geotechnical surveys are included in the pre-existing Marine Licence application and were assessed in the Environmental Statement (ES) as such. However, due to conflicting timescales associated between obtaining consent (should the Marine Licence be granted) and contracting a survey vessel, the Applicant has sought to dissociate this activity in a separate Marine Licence.

The Applicant can confirm that NRW-MLT granted the Marine Licence for geotechnical surveys on 7 July 2023.

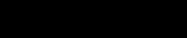
Should you require any further information on any of the updates above, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,



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