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Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm Project

Dear Mr Johansson,

As requested by the Examining Authority's letter dated 23 July 2024, this submission encloses the following documents for the attention of the Examining Authority:

- 10.1 Further species surveys timetable and reporting schedule
- 10.2.1 Draft land rights tracker template
- 10.2.2 Commentary on land rights tracker template

In addition, I have set out below our response to decisions made in the letter that relate to the Applicant.

1) Documents submitted following the Application's submission and acceptance

We note the updated Relevant Representation from the Port of Tilbury and the additional submission by the Ministry of Defence. It is our intention to respond to the Ministry of Defence's additional submission along with the Relevant Representations.

2) The preparation and submission of SoCGs

As requested, we will submit a position statement setting out the current progress towards Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs) on 13 August 2024. Where we had not already been engaging with them, all of the organisations included in the letter have been contacted to initiate the process towards producing SoCGs.

We have also contacted the Ministry of Defence to notify them of the procedural decisions letter and initiate discussions regarding a SoCG.

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3) Clarification from Natural England concerning its Relevant Representation [RR081]

We note the requested submission of an updated Relevant Representation from Natural England and we will respond to the updated version where that is received ahead of the relevant deadline for responses.

5) Undertaking of further species surveys by the Applicant

We have submitted the document **10.1 Further species surveys – timetable and reporting schedule** in response to the request in this section of the letter.

We have arranged to meet with Natural England on 22 August 2024 to discuss the survey requirements, in addition to other topics as part of our ongoing engagement with them.

7) Land Rights Tracker

As requested a draft template for a land rights tracker has been submitted along with this letter. In addition, we have submitted a note to support the template to explain why we have chosen to format it in the manner we have.

It would be of assistance if the Examining Authority could advise how long they may need to consider the draft template. Given the considerable volume of detailed information required to be compiled, it will be challenging to make substantial changes to the structure of this at short notice and comply with the 28 August 2024 deadline for submission. It would therefore be of assistance in meeting that deadline if we could be made aware of any changes required to the template as soon as practicable.

8) Revisions to Application documents and other documents

We acknowledge the requirement to provide clean and tracked changed versions of updated documents and will ensure this is followed. We note the intention of the Examining Authority to provide draft written questions.

If you have any questions about our response or submissions, or if there is any further we can

provide, please do not hesitate to contact the team.

Yours sincerely,

Diane Mailer Project Lead

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