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Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm Project – Deadline 3

Dear Mr Johansson,

Further to the Rule 8 letter issued by the Examining Authority (ExA) on 25 September 2024 [PD-009], we have submitted the documents listed below for the ExA's attention for Deadline 3.

As discussed during CAH2, the Applicant has not submitted a draft itinerary for an accompanied site inspection. Instead, in response to CAH2 Action Point 7, the Applicant has included a list of recommended sites for the planned unaccompanied site inspection. This list has been included in 10.25 Applicant's Responses to Action Points - ISH3, CAH2, ISH4.

Documents as requested in the Rule 8 letter for submission at Deadline 3

- 10.24 Applicant's Summaries of Oral Submissions ISH3, CAH2, ISH4
 The Applicant's written submission of oral cases from the hearings held between 29 and 31
 October 2024.
- 10.25 Applicant's Responses to Action Points ISH3, CAH2, ISH4
 The Applicant's responses to action points arising from the hearings held between 29 and 31 October 2024.

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- 10.26 Applicant's Comments on Deadline 2 Submissions
- 10.26.1 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports

<u>Updated documents</u>

- 3.1 Draft Development Consent Order Revision D (Tracked and Clean)
- 3.2 Draft Explanatory Memorandum Revision D (Tracked and Clean)
- 10.10 Statement of Commonality for Statements of Common Ground Revision C (Tracked and Clean)
- 1.3 Guide to the Application (and Glossary) Revision G (Tracked and Clean)
- 10.2 Land Rights Trackers- Revision D (Tracked and Clean)

Additional documents updated at Deadline 3

The Applicant has submitted the following updated documents at Deadline 3 for the attention of the ExA. These updates have been made to correct minor issues, improve the quality figures/plans/images, or to align with other updated documents or project information.

The Works Plan – Onshore Revision B was submitted with the omission of one works layer that was included in Revision A. This has been corrected in the submitted Revision C; no other updates have been made to the plan at this stage.

- 2.5 Works Plan Onshore Revision C
- 6.6.1.1 Onshore Cable Route Obstacle Crossings Register Revision B (Tracked and Clean)
- 9.19 Outline Marine Written Schemes of Investigation Revision B (Tracked and Clean)
- 10.12 Marine Plan Policy Assessment Revision B (Tracked and Clean)

New documents submitted at Deadline 3

The Applicant has submitted the following additional new documents at Deadline 3, for the attention of the ExA, as additional evidence to support the application.

- 10.23 Little Clacton Road Evaluation Report
- 10.27 Digital Aerial Surveys Outer Trial Bank

Document 10.23 provides the results of additional onshore intrusive archaeological survey work which concluded after the submission of the application.

Document 10.27 sets out the factual reporting of a survey undertaken in June 2024 over Outer Trial Bank (OTB). This should be read in the context of the proposed compensation measure at OTB and specifically the result of the survey which supports the conclusion that the population of Lesser Black Backed Gulls (LBBGs) has significantly declined since the historical high of 2,179 pairs in 2003, as set out in paragraph 4.1.18 of the LBBG Compensation Evidence, Site Selection and Roadmap – Revision B [REP2-006]

Following the hearings, the Applicant has provided a technical note on the number of wind turbine generators in order to help clarify its position and how the number relates to the Rochdale Envelope for the Project.

• 10.20.5 Technical Note: Number of Wind Turbine Generators

If you have any questions about our response and the submitted documents, or if there is anything further we can provide, please do not hesitate to contact the team.

Yours sincerely,

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