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Dear Sir or Madam

Application for Development Consent for the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Generation Assets

EN010121

Unique Reference: 20049981

We are instructed by Spirit Energy (**Spirit**) in relation to the proposed development consent order application (the **Application**) made by Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd (the **Applicant**) for the proposed Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Generation Assets.

This letter comprises Spirit's response at Pre-Examination Procedural Deadline A.

Participation at the Preliminary Meeting and Hearings

Spirit intend to participate in the Preliminary Meeting on 23rd October 2024. Spirit has no specific comments on the items on the agenda at Appendix A of the Rule 6 Letter dated 23 September 2024 [PD-007] (**Rule 6 Letter**). However it wishes to reserve the right to comment on matters that may be raised by the Applicant and Interested Parties including with respect to the Assessment of Principal Issue (item 3) and Draft Examination Timetable (item 4).

Spirit intend to participate in Issue Specific Hearing 1 (**ISH1**) on 24th October. Spirit wish to participate at item 6 where the ExA invites observations from interested parties relating to the draft Development Consent Order (**dDCO**).

Spirit will attend both the Preliminary Meeting and ISH1 virtually and will be represented by James Gibson, Partner, Eversheds Sutherland LLP.

We confirm that we have completed the event participation form on behalf of Spirit.

Spirit do not wish to participate in the Open Floor Hearing on 23rd October 2024 (if it proceeds).

Comments on Initial Assessment of Principal Issues

Spirit has no comments on the principal issues identified at Appendix C of the Rule 6 Letter. As will be evident from its Relevant Representation dated 19 August 2024 [**RR-077**] Spirit has a strong interest in Aviation and Radar issues (item 1), Habitats Regulations Assessment issues (item 4), Other Offshore Infrastructure and Other Sea Users issues (item 5) and Shipping and Navigation issues (item 6).

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Comments on Draft Examination Timetable

Spirit has no comments on the draft Examination Timetable at Appendix E.

Summary of Relevant Representation

As requested in Appendix E of the Rule 6 Letter, Spirit has separately enclosed a summary of its Relevant Representation [RR-077].

List of Abbreviations, Acronyms and Translations

As requested in the Rule 9 Letter dated 4th September 2024 [PD-006], Spirit has separately enclosed a list of abbreviations and acronyms, and related translations, used in its Relevant Representation [RR-077].

SoCG and Protective Provisions

Noting the request from the Examining Authority at Appendix G of the Rule 6 Letter, Spirit has written to the Applicant on 11 October 2024 to discuss arrangements for the preparation of a Statement of Ground Common. Spirit has also taken this opportunity to commence discussions with the Applicant on potential changes to the relevant protective provisions.

Format of Examination Events

Noting the request from the Examining Authority at Appendix B of the Rule 6 Letter, Spirit's preference would be to maintain 'blended' hearings for the remainder of the Examination.

Yours faithfully

Eversheds Sutherland (International) LLP

15 October 2024