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Dear Sir or Madam

Application by Ecotricity (Heck Fen Solar) Limited ("Applicant") for an Order granting Development Consent for the proposed Heckington Fen Solar Park ("Order")

We write in reply to your request for information dated 11 October 2024, requiring updated information from The Crown Estate in order to understand whether agreement is going to be reached with the Applicant. You requested that we write to you by 22 November 2024 and 8 January 2025 if an agreement had not been reached by these dates, providing an explanation for why agreement had not been reached.

The first update was provided to you on 22 November 2024 by our solicitors, Burges Salmon. This letter is the second update.


As at today's date, an agreement has not been reached between The Crown Estate and the Applicant but productive discussions have been taking place between the parties.

Our agents (Carter Jonas) received a counteroffer from the Applicant on 20 December 2024. The proposed counteroffer is not acceptable to The Crown Estate in light of the comparables previously provided but Carter Jonas and the Applicant have since engaged in meaningful discussions regarding the counteroffer with a view to agreeing terms which will enable The Crown Estate to provide consent to the Order.

Carter Jonas received an email from the Applicant earlier today stating that the Applicant's board will be reconvening this week with a view to progressing commercial discussions. We remain ready and willing to engage in discussions with the Applicant once we have heard from them further.

Please do let us know if you will require any further updates and we will be more than happy to assist.

Yours faithfully


Emma Potter, Legal Counsel