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Dear Ms Dowling,

Dogger Bank South Offshore Wind Farms Project

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Deadline 1 Cover Letter

This letter summarises and explains the content of the Applicants' submissions to Deadline 1 of the Examination. Documents will be described in the order requested by the Examination Timetable contained in the Rule 8 letter [PD-011].

The Applicants welcome the Examining Authority's (ExA) swift determination [PD-012] of the Change Requests [AS-129] (referred to as the Change). Henceforth, the Applicants consider the scope of the DCO Application to be amended, and all new documents, including at this deadline, will reflect the revised project parameters.

Written summaries of oral submissions

These are provided combined in a single document (document ref: 11.4).

Any post-Hearing submissions

The Applicants have responded to the ExA's Supplementary Agenda Questions [EV5-002] in a single document (document ref: 11.5).

The Applicants have sought to update documents as requested by the ExA in the Supplementary Questions and as part of addressing the ExA's Action Points. Where the document is also affected by the Change (listed in Annex A of [AS-129]), these documents will only be updated once, at Deadline 2 or before. For documents not affected by the Change, these are provided at Deadline 1.

Specific responses to points raised in oral submissions

The Applicants have responded to the ExA's Action Points [EV3-003, EV4-003, EV5-003, EV5-004] in a single document (document ref: 11.6). Document updates relating to the Change will be provided at Deadline 2, as per the previous paragraph.

Comments on submissions by other Interested Parties

The Applicants are providing comments on the Additional Submission from the Beverley & North Holderness Internal Drainage Board (IDB) [AS-123]. The content of this document (document ref: 11.7) has been shared with the IDB before submission.

Updated Draft DCO

Revision 5 of the Draft DCO is provided in clean and tracked versions, with a schedule of changes. Revision 5 incorporates the changes made as part of the Change Request submission shown in Revision 04 [AS-130] and [AS-131] now that this has been accepted, with tracks provided only of additional updates made subsequently.

Updated Land Rights Tracker

An updated Land Rights Tracker (revision 3)(document ref: 10.4) is provided in tracked, clean and excel versions.

Updated Guide to the Application

This is provided as Revision 4 to document 1.4.

Comments on Local Impact Reports

The East Riding of Yorkshire Council's LIR [PDC-007] was published on 6 January 2025. The Applicants have provided comment on this within the Applicants' Response to ERYC's LIR (document ref: 11.2). The Applicants have discussed this response with the Council prior to submission. The Applicants confirm that they will submit a response to any LIRs received from other local authorities published at Deadline 1, at Deadline 2.

Initial Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs)

These are provided in document refs: 9.2 – 9.20.

The Applicants are submitting the draft SoCG with Historic England (HE) at Deadline 1 (document ref: 9.4) but would like to note that the version being submitted is in draft and has not yet been formally approved by HE. The latest comments from HE, received by the Applicants on 28 January, were made to the version of the SoCG from September 2024 and therefore did not accurately reflect discussions and progress made between the parties. The Applicants have been and are continuing to actively engage with HE and will be updating the SoCG on receiving HE's comments on the latest version of the SoCG and taking into consideration HE's Written Representations, expected to be submitted at Deadline 1. The Applicants plan to submit the updated version of the SoCG with HE at Deadline 4.

At this stage, no draft SoCG is provided for Natural England as the Applicants understand that Natural England will be submitting their updated Principal Areas of Disagreements log at Deadline 1. This will form the basis of a future SoCG (DBS document ref: 9.23), albeit the ExA will be aware that Natural England have indicated they do not wish to participate in the SoCG process until later in Examination.

SoCGs have been produced jointly with the Hornsea 3 and 4 schemes (DBS document ref: 9.21), and the Dogger Bank A, B and C schemes (DBS document ref: 9.22), rather than individually as suggested by the ExA. These drafts are with the respective project promoters for their review and are not available for submission to the Examination at Deadline 1.

In line with the Interested Party's request [AS-049], the Applicants confirm they have not produced a SoCG with National Grid Interconnector Holdings Ltd requested by ExA on the 24th September [PD-002] since they have withdrawn their relevant representation and status as an Interested Party in the DCO Examination for the Projects.

Statement of Commonality and Examination Progress Tracker

A Statement of Commonality of the Statements of Common Ground (document ref: 9.1) is provided at this deadline as requested. The Examination Progress Tracker is incorporated in Section 5 of this document as suggested would be the case in the Applicants' cover letter to Procedural Deadline A.

Further information requested by the ExA

The ExA's procedural decision of 21st January 2025 [PD-012] sought revisions to documents resulting from the Change ahead of Deadline 3. The Applicants confirm that these will be provided at Deadline 2 or before, as requested.

The ExA had previously requested new visualisations of the substation site with winter photography. Having taken the necessary winter photographs, these have been produced and were due for submission at the end of January. However, these views have now been superseded by the Change, and as such would now be misleading. Winter views incorporating the accepted changes at the Substation Zone will be provided at Deadline 2 or before if they are available.

Please contact me if clarification is required for any of the above.

Yours sincerely,



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