

Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind

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Subject: Potential kittiwake compensatory measures in respect of the Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind farm.

Dear GT R4 Limited,

We, RWE Renewables UK DBS East Limited and RWE Renewables UK DBS West Limited (collectively “**RWE DBS**”), are developing the Dogger Bank South East and Dogger Bank South West offshore wind farms (respectively “**DBS East**” and “**DBS West**” and collectively referred to as the Dogger Bank South Offshore Wind Farms (“**DBS**”). We have submitted a single Development Consent Order (“**DCO**”) application to the Planning Inspectorate for both DBS East and DBS West which was accepted into examination by the Planning Inspectorate on 12th July 2024. We refer to our recent discussions regarding the application for development consent for the proposed Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind farm (“**ODOW**”) which has been submitted by GT R4 Limited (“**GT R4**”). We understand that the DCO application for ODOW was accepted for examination by the Planning Inspectorate on the 16th April 2024.

Based on the conclusions of the Plan Level HRA undertaken for the Round 4 Projects (the “**Round 4 Plan**”) and previous decisions on offshore wind made by the Secretary of State (“**SoS**”), we, RWE DBS, are proceeding with our own DCO application on the basis of conceding Adverse Effect on Integrity on kittiwake (*Rissa tridactyla*) from the Flamborough and Filey Coast Special Protection Area (“**FFC SPA**”). We understand that GT R4 are proceeding with their DCO application on the same basis. As such, we understand GT R4 will put forward, as part of their consent application, measures to compensate for the predicted impact of ODOW. We understand that one of the potential compensation measures proposed by GT R4 will include the provision of nesting platforms on an offshore Artificial Nesting Structure (“**ANS**”).

In accordance with the Kittiwake Strategic Compensation Plan (“**KSCP**”) which was produced as part of The Crown Estate’s Derogation Case in support of the Round 4 Plan,

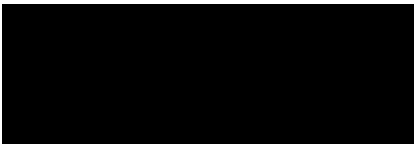


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up to two offshore ANS's could be required to be delivered as compensation for predicted impacts to FFC SPA kittiwake as a consequence of DBS and ODOW. The KSCP proposed a number of delivery options with respect to this compensation measure, including the option for collaborative delivery between one or more offshore windfarm developer(s). GT R4 and RWE DBS have sought to align their project level compensatory proposals with the KSCP and are therefore both proposing to deliver offshore ANS, potentially in collaboration with one or more other offshore windfarm developer(s).

In the event that the SoS consents DBS and ODOW with a stipulated requirement to deliver offshore ANS as their designated compensatory measure for kittiwake, then RWE DBS confirms that it would be willing to continue to discuss and collaborate with GT R4 with a view to developing one or more ANS to the extent it continues to benefit DBS. RWE DBS would also be willing to continue to engage further in collaborative discussions with GT R4 regarding other compensatory measures either for kittiwake and/or other ornithological features. RWE DBS acknowledges that it may be necessary for it and GT R4 to enter into further legal and commercial agreements in due course to further develop and secure such offshore ANS and other compensatory measures and confirms that it would continue to act in good faith in connection with such negotiations.

Yours Faithfully,



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