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Dear Rod Macarthur,

Planning Act 2008, GTR4 Limited, Proposed Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind Farm Order

Response to Examining Authority's Rule 6 Letter

On 02 May 2024, the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) received notice under section 55 of the Planning Act 2008 (the PA 2008) that the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) had accepted an application made by GTR4 Limited, (the Applicant) for determination of a development consent order for the construction, maintenance and operation of the proposed Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind (the DCO Application) (MMO ref: DCO/2021/00003; PINS ref: EN010130).

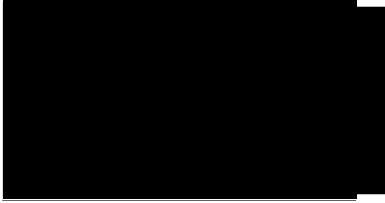
The Applicant seeks authorisation for the construction, operation and maintenance of DCO Application, comprising of up to 100 wind turbine generators together with associated onshore and offshore infrastructure and all associated development (the Project). The proposed development will comprise of up to four offshore substations, up to two offshore reactive compensation platforms (ORCPs) and an offshore export cable corridor running from the array area to landfall at Wolla Bank, to the South of Anderby Creek on the Lincolnshire coast. Onshore export cables will be installed underground and connect to the onshore substation (OnSS) located at Surfleet Marsh. 400 kilovolt (kV) cables will then connect the OnSS to a new National Grid substation (NGSS) which will connect the Project to the existing overhead lines.

The MMO received a Rule 6 letter on 04 September 2024. Please find the MMO comments below:

- 1. Preliminary Meeting Attendance**
- 2. Comments on Examination Timetable**
- 3. Anything further required from Examination Authority**



Yours Sincerely,



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1. Preliminary Meeting Attendance

- 1.1 The MMO will not be attending the Preliminary Meeting on 10 October 2024. The MMO has reviewed the draft timetable for the examination of the application and would like to highlight the following concerns for consideration by the Examining Authority (ExA).

2. Comments on Examination Timetable

- 2.1 With regards to the examination timetable the MMO notes that the deadline for receipt of the answers to the ExA's Further Written Questions (ExQ2) falls in Deadline 4 on 03 February 2025. This is 10 days after the Questions are publicised. Dependant on the questions directed at MMO, we may not be able to provide comments by this deadline, owing to the short turnaround. The MMO suggests this could be moved to 4 or 5 February, noting if we need advisor advice some comments may be provided at Deadline 5.
- 2.2 The MMO notes that the Examination is principally a written process. The MMO understands that some issues need to be discussed in person to ensure understanding by the ExA. At this stage MMO is not planning on attending any ISH, however, will keep a watching brief and respond to any questions posed by the ExA on completion of the ISH. This is to ensure resource is spent on providing detailed written responses and resolving any issues with the Applicant.
- 2.3 If the ExA requests MMO attendance for an ISH, the MMO would ask that hearings are organised to minimise the need for MMO to be in attendance for all hearings, (e.g., discussing both offshore matters and onshore matters). In addition to this MMO would welcome and discussions on the DML or offshore DCO sections to be discussed at the earliest opportunity within the Agenda. For example, In East Anglia One North and East Anglian Two, the agenda was rearranged to enable MMO involvement at the start of the hearing. This would enable better time utilisation, allowing for a more efficient and effective examination.

3. Anything further required from Examination Authority

- 3.1 The MMO notes that the ExA has requested Summaries of Relevant Representations that exceed 1500 words. The MMO will be submitting this as a separate document.
- 3.2 The MMO has not yet been provided with a copy of the Applicant's draft Statement of Common Ground. The MMO will review and may provide comments when this is provided.

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