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To: <u>Mona Offshore Wind Project</u>; <u>Stephens, Jake</u>

Cc: Winterton, Andrea; Phillips, Nia; Gwyn, Emyr; Williams, Sion M.; Marine Area Advice and Management Team; North Planning

Subject: RE: Project ref EN010137, Unique ref 20048445, NRW Response to Rule 6 Letter for Procedural Deadline

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Attachments:



Hi Jake.

Ahead of NRW (A)'s attendance at the Preliminary Meeting (PM) next Tuesday 16th July 2024, we wish to put forward our position regarding The Applicant's response to the Examining Authority's Rule 4, 6, 9 and 13 letter at Procedural Deadline (PDA-007), principally the comments on items 7, 8 and 9 in Table 2 of the response, which requests that deadlines 1 and 2, and the publication of the Examining Authority's Written Questions, are brought forward.

NRW (A) does not support the proposal to tighten these timeframes, for the following reasons:

- (a) this would substantially reduce the time that key interested parties have to prepare key evidence
- (b) the applicant's proposed deadlines would fall over a critical time in terms of multiple statutory deadlines for NRW (A)
- (c) the proposed deadlines would severely impact resource availability over summer holidays

NRW (A)'s understanding is that the objective of the PM is to discuss the logistics with respect to examination of the project and not to discuss the merits / disadvantages of the case. Therefore, we advise that should any questions be put forward to NRW (A) regarding our position on the application during the PM, we will refer the Examining Authority or other Interested Parties to view our Relevant Representations which are published on the Examining Authority's website (RR-011).

Kind Regards,

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Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg a byddwn yn ymateb yn Gymraeg, heb i hynny arwain at oedi.

Correspondence in Welsh is welcomed, and we will respond in Welsh without it leading to a delay.