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To whom it may concern,

**Mona Offshore Wind Project Development Consent Order Application – Environmental Statement and Management Plans – EN010137 – Response to the Rule 17 letter issued on 16 August 2024**

Thank you for consulting JNCC on the Mona Offshore Wind Project Development Consent Order (DCO) Application including the Environmental Statement (ES) and Management Plans. Notification of acceptance for examination by the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero was received on 2 April 2024.

The advice contained within this minute is provided by JNCC as part of our statutory advisory role to the UK Government and devolved administrations on issues relating to nature conservation in UK offshore waters (beyond the territorial limit). We have subsequently concentrated our comments on aspects of the documents that we believe relate to offshore waters and defer to comments provided by Natural Resources Wales Advisory (NRW-A) for aspects relating to inshore waters and Natural England (NE) where appropriate.

The advice below relates to the Rule 17 letter issued on 16 August 2024.

*“The Overarching National Policy Statement for energy (NPS EN-1) states that a derogation case should be provided by an Applicant as soon as is reasonably possible and before the close of the examination if a SNCB gives an indication in examination that the Proposed Development is likely to adversely impact the integrity of habitat sites. JNCC [RR-033] [REP1-066] has previously stated it cannot agree with the Applicant’s conclusions, particularly in respect of the Skomer, Skokholm and the Seas off Pembrokeshire/Sgomer, Sgogwm a Moroedd Penfro Special Protected Area (SPA). The ExA requests that NRW(A)*

