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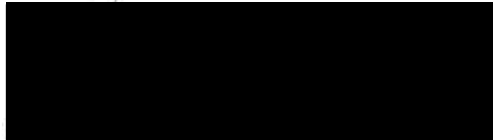
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1. CONFIRMATION OF AGREEMENT

Confirmation of Agreement with National Grid Viking Link Limited

Signed:



For: Triton Knoll Offshore Wind Farm Limited

Name: PAUL CARTER

Title: OFFSHORE CONSENTS MANAGER

Date: 01.10.2015

Signed:



For: National Grid Viking Link Limited

Name: OLIVER WOOD

Title: PROJECT DIRECTOR

2. INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 National Grid Viking Link Limited (NGVLL) and Triton Knoll Offshore Wind Farm Ltd's (TKOWFL or the Applicant) makes this joint statement in respect of application for a development consent order (DCO) under the Planning Act 2008 (the Application) for the Triton Knoll Electrical System (the proposed development).
- 2.2 The Applicant engaged with NGVLL prior to the Application being made.
- 2.3 NGVLL has reviewed the documents supporting the Application (the Application Documents) and submitted a representation about the Project (a Relevant Representation).
- 2.4 NGVLL has no in principle objection to the Project.

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- 2.5 NGVLL together with Energinet.dk are proposing to develop an interconnector project (Viking Link) between Great Britain (GB) and Denmark.
- 2.6 NGVLL was granted an interconnector licence in November 2014 by the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority.
- 2.7 NGVLL have been working with NGET in the formulation of Viking Link and NGET has identified Bicker Fen, Lincolnshire as the most appropriate connection point to the national grid within the UK.
- 2.8 NGVLL has yet to determine the locations of the landfall, onshore cable route and converter station in the UK and the offshore cable route.
- 2.9 NGVLL will not be submitting an application for the Viking Link during the examination or programmed determination period of the proposed development.

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- 2.10 The Triton Knoll Electrical System (the proposed development) would connect the consented Triton Knoll Offshore Wind Farm (TKOWF) offshore array to the existing National Grid substation at Bicker Fen, Boston.

3. AGREED POSITION

- 3.1 In the Rule 6 letter issued on 30 July 2015 the Examining Authority (ExA) requested a Statement of Common Ground between NGVLL and the Applicant to include the possible effects on, and resulting from, Viking Link.
- 3.2 This Statement of Common Ground addresses the following elements of the Application:
- The Applicant's approach to and consideration of the Viking Link within the application; and
 - Interactions between the proposed development and Viking Link;

The Applicant's consideration of Viking Link

- 3.3 It is agreed that NGVLL has determined that the final connection point of the Viking Link to the national grid within the UK will be at Bicker Fen, Lincolnshire.
- 3.4 It is agreed that the location of the landfall, convertor station and the onshore and offshore cable route that are necessary for the Viking Link within the UK territorial waters and England have yet to be identified by NGVLL.
- 3.5 It is agreed that NGVLL have not yet identified or consulted on options on alternatives for the landfall, convertor station and the onshore and offshore cable route in the UK.
- 3.6 It is agreed that the Applicant refers to the Viking Link in the cumulative impact assessment set out in Volume 1, Annex 3.1, Approach to Cumulative and Inter-relationships Impact Assessment for the Triton Knoll Electrical System of the ES.
- 3.7 It is agreed that at the present time there is insufficient information available on which to undertake a reliable or effective assessment of cumulative effects of the two projects as set out in NGVLL's letter to the ExA, submitted on 14th August 2015 (attached at Appendix 1).
- 3.8 It is agreed that, given that there is insufficient information available on which to undertake a reliable or effective assessment of cumulative effects of the two projects, Viking Link has been appropriately identified as a Tier 3 project as set out in paragraphs 1.58 – 1.58 of Volume 1, Chapter 3, Annex 1, of the ES.
- 3.9 It is agreed that it is unlikely that any new information regarding the Viking Link, that would be necessary for a reliable or effective cumulative assessment to be undertaken,
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will become available during the course of the Examination as set out in NGVLL's letter attached at Appendix 1 and confirmed at the Preliminary Meeting on 3 September 2015.

- 3.10 It is agreed that should NGVLL's position materially change with regard to the level of information available about the Viking Link during the Examination, NGVLL will inform the Applicant and the ExA.

Interactions between the proposed development and Viking Link

- 3.11 It is agreed that there is insufficient information on which to assess the potential interactions between Viking Link and the proposed development.
- 3.12 It is agreed that any relevant interactions between the TKES and Viking Link will be appropriately addressed as part of any application(s) made by NGVLL to the relevant planning authority/authorities once the location of the landfall, converter station and the cable route for Viking Link in the UK have been identified.

4. APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Letter from NGVLL to the ExA dated 14 August 2015

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Dear Ms Jones

EN020019: Triton Knoll Electrical System Project ("the Project")

Introduction

I am writing on behalf of National Grid Viking Link Limited ("NGVLL").

NGVLL, together with its development partner Energinet.dk, are proposing to develop an Interconnector between Great Britain and Denmark.

Triton Knoll Electrical System Project Preliminary Meeting

NGVLL have registered as an interested party (Registration Identification Number 10031348) in respect of the Project and I confirm that representatives of NGVLL will attend the Preliminary Meeting on 3 September 2015.

The Viking Link Interconnector Project has been included in the initial assessment of principal issues for the Project in the Rule 6 Letter in relation to onshore environmental cumulative effects. NGVLL wishes to make representations in relation to this issue at the Preliminary Meeting.

Observations on Relevant Representations and Inclusion of Viking Link Interconnector as Principal Issue in Rule 6 Letter

NGVLL note that a number of the relevant representations submitted for the Project include reference to the proposed Viking Link Interconnector Project. These comments relate to the assessment of cumulative effects and requests for a joint inquiry process for the two schemes.

NGVLL are concerned to assist the Examination as far as possible, but are very concerned at the inclusion of the cumulative impacts relating to the Viking Link Interconnector as a principal issue for the Project in the Rule 6 letter. Whilst it has been decided that the final connection point to the national grid will be at Bicker Fen, Lincolnshire, the Viking Link Interconnector Project is at a very early and formative stage of development in comparison to the Project.

NGVLL remain uncertain as to the project programme for Viking Link and can confirm at this stage that both the location of the convertor station and the cable route have yet to be identified. As such, NGVLL remain sceptical as to the extent to which the Project team can

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effectively assess any issues of cumulative impact in relation to the Viking Link Interconnector. In our view, it is not possible to undertake a useful or effective assessment of cumulative effects of the two projects and this position is unlikely to change during the course of the Examination.

NGVLL have registered as an Interested party for the Project in order to assist with the Examination in any way possible and will comment where necessary throughout the process to clarify their position. I confirm, in this context, our intention to attend the Preliminary Meeting to advise further as to programme and in clarification of the foreseeable prospects of cumulative assessment.

Fuller and more detailed comments as are relevant, including our detailed comments on Relevant Representations, will be provided following the Preliminary Meeting and in line with the Deadline One timescales for the Project.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or if NGVLL can be of any further assistance at this stage.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Moore". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed within a thin, hand-drawn circular line.

David Moore

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