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Dear Sarah,

ConocoPhillips (U.K.) Limited ("COPUK") as the operator and owner of assets in the vicinity of the proposed wind farm development wishes to take this opportunity to provide comments as a registered party prior to Deadline 3 for receipt to the Examining Authority, as part of the examination of the application for Development Consent of Triton Knoll Electrical System.

COPUK notes that the planned route of the export cables for the Triton Knoll wind farm, subject to the Development Consent Order ("DCO"), crosses three major gas pipelines operated by COPUK, together known as the "COPUK Lines". These are –

- 36" Loggs PP to Theddlethorpe gas pipeline and associated methanol line (known as the "LOGGS Pipeline").
- 26" Murdoch MD to Theddlethorpe gas pipeline and associated methanol line (known as the "CMS Trunkline").
- 28" Viking AR to Theddlethorpe gas pipeline and associated methanol line (known as the "VTS Pipeline").

In order to mitigate any potential risk of loss of containment COPUK must be able to consider all possible implications and ensure satisfactory mitigations are in place for the continued safety and integrity of COPUK Lines and infrastructure. Offshore locations and physical contact points of proposed cables crossing the COPUK Lines are required. Crossings should be kept to a minimum through bundling or other appropriate methods where possible. There should be no impediment to access to COPUK facilities that may compromise or complicate decommissioning activity. To ensure safety across the COPUK Lines, COPUK requires prior approval of all related procedures and scopes of work.

Possible electrical interference from HVDC/ HVAC current flows through proximate cabling remains a concern. A minimum 50m proximity zone either side of the pipeline has been identified to ensure the safety of COPUK Lines, works within this zone being limited to crossings only. Consideration of possible impacts to cathodic protection is vital to the integrity of the COPUK Lines. Appropriate design of crossing locations is required to take account of the position, angle and vertical separation of the pipeline/cable, together with any sacrificial CP anodes nearby.

COPUK requires a safety zone of sufficient size to be created around COPUK Lines (minimum 250m either side), with restricted access within that zone limited to the cable crossings and certain controlled marine activity. Marine assurance must be carried out on any vessel proposed to operate within the 250m zone.

COPUK as operator of the COPUK Lines confirms that it has no objection in principle to the proposed crossings, subject to suitable crossing and/or proximity agreements between the applicant and COPUK to govern the proposed crossings and the rights and obligations of both the crossed and crossing party being agreed.

The applicant and COPUK are engaged in discussion regarding crossing and proximity agreements, as well as construction and operational issues raised in the COPUK representation. The parties will continue to work together to discuss and resolve these issues, and will update the Examining Authority on progress.

Please note that concerns raised at this time are headline issues currently captured, given that COPUK does not have sufficient information to address specifics. Further concerns may be raised following review of technical detail as it becomes available.

Yours faithfully

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Karen Morrison

For and on behalf of ConocoPhillips (U.K.) Limited