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Dear Avikesh Chandra

**Dogger Bank Creyke Beck Offshore Wind Farm Order 2015– S.I. [2015/318] (“the 2015 Order”) – Proposed Non-Material Change Application**

**Regulation 7(3) of the Infrastructure Planning (Changes to, and Revocation of, Development Consent Orders) Regulations 2011 - Written consent from the Secretary of State for not consulting a person or authority**

1. Thank you for your email of 18 October 2024 and letter of 24 October on behalf of Doggerbank Offshore Wind Farm Project 1 Projco Limited (“DBA”), Doggerbank Offshore Wind Farm Project 2 Projco Limited (“DBB”), SSE, Equinor, and ENI (“the Applicants”). The email provided details of a consultee list for a Non-Material Change (NMC) application to the Dogger Bank Creyke Beck Offshore Wind Farm Order 2015 (2015/318) for the two authorised projects (“DBA Project” and “DBB Project”).
2. The letter of 24 October states that the Applicants are seeking *“to apply for a further non-material change to the 2015 Order, as amended, to allow the DBA Project and the DBB Project to be considered separately, and for the discharge and enforcement of each project’s relevant requirements to be entirely severable approaching completion of the Development. The proposed changes will allow for transmission arrangements to be progressed separately.”*
3. The letter of 24 October 2024 requests the Secretary of State’s consent for a limited consultation exercise for this Application, limited to 16 parties. The Secretary of State has considered the request under regulation 7(3) of the Infrastructure Planning (Changes to, and Revocation of, Development Consent Orders) Regulations 2011 (as amended) (“the 2011 Regulations”). In the letter of 24 October 2024, the Applicant explains the reasons for its proposed reduced consultee list explaining that “a reduced consultee list is proposed, limited to those who are considered to have a clear interest in the nature of the proposed change.”

4. The Secretary of State considers that the information provided for a limited consultation exercise does not sufficiently detail the changes that would be sought under the scope of the application to enable the Secretary of State to be satisfied that certain consultees can be excluded. The table detailing whether consultees have responded to previous NMC applications or their key concerns, for example, that they have onshore interests only or have not responded to previous consultations, does not provide an adequate explanation as to why they should not be consulted. The Secretary of State finds that a reduction in the number of consultees for the non-material change application is not supported by the information provided.

Yours sincerely



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