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PLANNING ACT 2008

THE EAST ANGLIA TWO OFFSHORE WIND FARM ORDER 2022 (as amended)

APPROVAL OF REQUIREMENT 43 - RESTRICTION ON CARRYING OUT GRID CONNECTION WORKS IN PART 3 OF SCHEDULE 1 TO THE ORDER

1. The East Anglia Two Offshore Wind Farm Order 2022 ("the Order") and East Anglia ONE North Offshore Wind Farm Order 2022 ("EA1N") contain requirements and conditions that the undertaker must comply with before each authorised development can commence.
2. ScottishPower Renewables ("the Applicant") made a request to the Secretary of State for Energy Security & Net Zero ("the Secretary of State") on 28 October 2025 for the discharge of Requirement 43 in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Order ("the Discharge Request").

Requirement 43: Restriction On Carrying Out Grid Connection Works

3. Requirement 43 in Schedule 1 of Part 3 of the Order states that:

"43. No part of the grid connection works may commence under this Order until either–

(a) the offshore works have commenced; or

(b) the undertaker has provided appropriate evidence to the Secretary of State demonstrating its commitment to commence the authorised development described within paragraph 1 of Schedule 1, Part 1 and the Secretary of State has confirmed that the grid connection works may commence."

Discharge Request

4. The Applicant has, in accordance with the requirements set out under Requirement 43(b), provided evidence of its commitment to commence the authorised development described within paragraph 1 of Schedule 1, Part 1. The Applicant provided evidence in the form of an email (See Annex 1).

5. The Applicant stated the following in writing:

- *“East Anglia Two Offshore Wind Farm (“EA2”) has received Contracts for Difference (CfD) as can be seen at the CFD Schemes Register¹.*
- *EA2 has initiated detailed design and engineering processes for the offshore wind turbine generating station and associated infrastructure.*
- *Procurement activities are underway for key components and services and main contracts are in place, such as:*
 - *Wind Turbine contract in place: ‘ScottishPower seals £1BN offshore wind turbine deal with Siemens Gamesa^{2,3}.*
 - *Export Cable contract in place: ‘Nexans - Nexans secures important contract for offshore wind project in the southern North Sea⁴.*
- *Environmental and planning compliance activities are actively progressing.*
- *Engagement with stakeholders, contractors, and statutory bodies is ongoing to support mobilisation and delivery.”*

6. The Applicant also stated that:

‘The grid connection works are also consented under the East Anglia ONE North Offshore Wind Farm Order 2022 (the “ONE North Order”). However, Requirement 38 of Schedule 1, Part 3 of both DCOs prohibits the construction of grid connection works under the ONE North Order where they are constructed under the Order. Requirement 43 of the ONE North Order therefore does not require to be discharged. If, in the future, any part of the grid connection works not constructed under the Order are proposed to be constructed under the ONE North Order, we would seek to discharge Requirement 43 of the ONE North Order at that point.’

7. The Secretary of State notes that EA1N also contains Requirements 43 and 38, which are the same in the Order. The Secretary of State agrees with the Applicant that Requirement 43 of EA1N does not need to be discharged currently because of Requirement 38 which prohibits the construction of grid connection works under EA1N where they are constructed under the Order.

¹ <https://register.lowcarboncontracts.uk/>

² <https://www.siemensgamesa.com/global/en/home/press-releases/ScottishPower-seals-1BN-pounds-offshore-wind-turbine-deal-with-Siemens-Gamesa.html>

³ <https://www.scottishpowerrenewables.com/w/scottishpower-seals-1bn-offshore-wind-turbine-deal-with-siemens-gamesa?redirect=%2Fmedia-centre%2Fpress-releases>

⁴ <https://www.nexans.co.uk/en/newsroom/news/details/2024/12/Nexans-secures-important-contract-for-offshore-wind-project-in-the-southern-North-Sea-.html>

8. However, the Secretary of State notes that in the future, if any part of the grid connection works not constructed under the Order are proposed to be constructed under EA1N, the Applicant might then seek to discharge Requirement 43 of EA1N at that point.

Consideration of the Discharge Request by the Secretary of State

9. The Secretary of State has considered the details provided by the Applicant in respect of Requirement 43.
10. The Secretary of State considers as per Requirement 43(b) that the Applicant has provided appropriate evidence demonstrating its commitment to commence the authorised development. The Applicant has secured a CFD, is actively securing contractors, and is progressing planning compliance activities, for example on 7 August 2025 the Secretary of State approved the Applicants Red-Throated Diver Implementation and Monitoring Plan.
11. The Secretary of State notes that Requirement 38 in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Order states:

“Restriction on carrying out grid connection works where consented in another order

Where any part of the grid connection works are being or have been constructed under another development consent order, that part of the grid connection works must not be constructed under this Order.

(2) Work No. 34 must not—

(a) be constructed more than once under this Order;

(b) be constructed under this Order if it is being or has been constructed under another development consent order.”

12. The Secretary of State considers the Applicant has provided appropriate evidence to demonstrate its commitment to commence the authorised development described within paragraph 1 of Schedule 1, Part 1, and the Secretary of State confirms that the grid connection works may commence.
13. The Secretary of State approves the Discharge Request received on 28 October 2025 in accordance with Requirement 43 in Part 3 of Schedule 1.

Yours sincerely



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