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Energy Infrastructure Planning
Department of Energy Security and Net Zero
Darlington Economic Campus
Darlington
DL1 5BF

Your reference EN010121
Our reference MOR001-FLO-CON-LET-0022

Dear Sir,

## <u>Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets – Application for Development</u> Consent Order, Planning Inspectorate reference EN010121

Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Limited (the Applicant) writes in further response to the Secretary of State's letter dated 31 October 2025<sup>1</sup> requesting a final update from the Applicant and Spirit Energy on the commercial agreements and Protective Provisions (Consultation 5).

The Applicant understands that Spirit Energy Production UK Limited (Spirit Energy) has written to the Secretary of State today withdrawing their objection to the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Project: Generation Assets (Morecambe DCO) following the conclusion of the negotiations between the parties on the form of protective provisions and a side agreement; and once again thanks them for their engagement throughout the examination and decision periods.

With the submission by the Applicant of the agreed Protective Provisions (Document reference 10.4.1) and the letter withdrawing their objection from Spirit Energy, the Applicant trusts that the Secretary of State can be satisfied that all parties have responded to the request for a final update on the commercial agreements and Protective Provisions (Consultation 5).

The Applicant also notes the Secretary of State's letter dated 22 October 2025<sup>2</sup> (Consultation 4) requesting comments from all interested parties on the information provided in response to his information request of 26 September 2025<sup>3</sup> (Consultation 3). The Applicant has no further comments to make in response to the documents submitted at Consultation 3<sup>4</sup>. The Applicant would further note that, other than those submitted by the Applicant, all of the submissions were made by Spirit Energy who have now withdrawn

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> EN010121-001390-Morecambe Offshore Wind Farm - Information Request - Oct 25.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> EN010121-001387-Morecambe OWGA - All-IP Consultation - Oct 25.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> EN010121-001370-Morecambe Offshore Wind Farm - Information Request - Sep 25.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> <u>Documents | Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Generation Assets</u>

their objection to the Application.

Consequently, the Applicant would highlight the potential to bring forward the deadline for Consultation 4 (currently 20 November). It considers there would be no prejudice to any Interested Pary in so doing (as noted in the foregoing, the only two parties who made submissions upon which comment is requested – Spirit and the Applicant – have reached a settled and agreed final position).

The Applicant respectfully highlights the link between the timing and clarity of project consent to both the value-seeking discipline sought within the auction and the efficient and timely passage of contiguous processes with milestones falling due **by the end of November**.

This was factored into the date of the Applicant's DCO submission and aligned with the previous deadline for a decision of 23 October 2025. Were the Secretary of State minded to provide for a decision ahead of closing of the sealed bid window for all OFW and FLOW applicants of 11-17 November 2025, it would make a material difference to the efficient delivery of the Project, and cost to the UK consumer.

Yours faithfully,

For and on behalf of Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd Oliver Gardner Consent Manager (Morecambe Generation)