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Interested Party reference number: 20049792

Dear Sir/Madam

Application by RWE Renewables UK Dogger Bank South (West) Ltd and RWE Renewables UK Dogger Bank South (East) Ltd for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Dogger Bank South Offshore Wind Farms

Examination Timetable – Deadline 5 – The Examining Authority’s (ExA’s) written questions and requests for information, ExQ2.

Although we acknowledge that this question is not directed to us, Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) would like to provide additional information to the Examining Authority. We would like to submit the following short response to the written question (ExQ2) at Deadline 5:

Q2. SN.2.1: Navigation communication systems

The MCA Relevant Representation [RR-031] states, *‘due consideration for appropriate mitigation such as radar, Automatic Identification System (AIS) receivers and in-field, Marine Band Very High Frequency (VHF) radio communications aerial(s) (VHF voice with Digital Selective Calling (DSC)) that can cover the entire wind farm sites and their surrounding areas. It will be expected that the applicant will provide this AIS and VHF capability to the MCA with direct access to HM Coastguard systems’.*

‘Can the applicants confirm if these mitigations measures are deemed necessary, would this require the installation of communication equipment and has this been included in the dMLs? Further, can you signpost to the commitment for providing AIS and VHF capability to the MCA with direct access to HM Coastguard systems?’

MCA Response

We would deem these mitigations necessary however, we would not expect details of any on site communications to be a specific part of the dMLs. The particulars of the stated paragraph would normally be discussed and finalised post consent through layout plan and Search and Rescue checklist discussions. For example, Condition 15, Schedules 10 and 11, part 2 titled *‘Pre-construction*

plans and documentation' (REP3-004), states a requirement for a layout plan with consultation with the MCA and other key stakeholders, thus providing commitment to us going forward.

Yours Faithfully,



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