



# **Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind**

Equinor IPs' Response to Request for Information

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## Glossary of Acronyms

DCO	Development Consent Order
DEP	Dudgeon Extension Project
DOW	Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm
SEP	Sheringham Shoal Extension Project
SHS	Sheringham Shoal Offshore Wind Farm
SoS	Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero

## Glossary of Terms

The Applicant	GT R4 Ltd. The Applicant making the application for a DCO. The Applicant is GT R4 Limited (a joint venture between Corio Generation (and its affiliates), Total Energies and Gulf Energy Development (GULF)), trading as Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind. The Project is being developed by Corio Generation, TotalEnergies and GULF.
Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm	The Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm onshore and offshore sites including all onshore and offshore infrastructure.
Dudgeon Extension Project	The Dudgeon Extension Project offshore wind farm onshore and offshore sites including all onshore and offshore infrastructure.
Equinor IPs	Sheringham Shoal and Dudgeon Extensions ProjCo Limited (SSDEPL) (formerly Scira Extension Limited), Dudgeon Offshore Wind Limited (DOWL), and Scira Offshore Energy Limited (SOEL)
The Project	Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind, an offshore wind generating station together with associated onshore and offshore infrastructure.
Sheringham Shoal Offshore Wind Farm	The Sheringham Shoal Offshore Wind Farm onshore and offshore sites including all onshore and offshore infrastructure.
Sheringham Shoal Extension Project	The Sheringham Shoal Extension Project offshore wind farm onshore and offshore sites including all onshore and offshore infrastructure.

## 1 Introduction

1. The Equinor IPs operate the Sheringham Shoal (SHS) and Dudgeon (DOW) offshore wind farms and are developing the Sheringham Shoal Extension Project (SEP) and Dudgeon Extension Project (DEP), all off the coast of north Norfolk and located to the south of the Project.
2. The Equinor IPs have made submissions in relation to the issue of wake effects and the potential impacts on the energy yields of their offshore windfarm assets and consented projects in submissions at Deadline 4a [[REP4a-128](#)], Deadline 5 [[REP5-157](#)], in their [additional submission accepted at the discretion of the examining authority on 27 March 2025](#), at Deadline 6 [[REP6-123](#), [REP6-142](#), [REP6-143](#)], and in their [letter to the Secretary of State dated 9 September 2025](#).
3. This submission is made by the Equinor IPs in response to the Secretary of State's Request for Information letter dated 21<sup>st</sup> October 2025 ("the RFI"). The Equinor IPs are requested to provide a response to paragraph 9 of the RFI in relation to Offshore infrastructure – Wake effects. The full text of paragraph 9 of the RFI is quoted below.

*"9. The Secretary of State notes that following the first information request, the Ørsted and Equinor IPs provided their preferred protective provisions as part of their response. The Ørsted and Equinor IPs and the Applicant are therefore invited to provide an update on whether any further engagement has been had on this matter and if any agreement has been reached on the most recent protective provisions."*

## 2 Wake Effects – Protective Provisions

4. Following the close of examination, the Equinor IPs have approached the Applicant to offer further discussions with respect to the form of protective provisions sought by the Equinor IPs in relation to wake effects. The Equinor IPs remain open to further discussions with the Applicant on this topic and will update the Secretary of State further should any such discussions result in a change to the Equinor IPs' position prior to the revised date set by the Secretary of State for the determination of the application.
5. The Equinor IPs' position remains, as set out in its [Deadline 6 submission](#) [[REP6-143](#)] and its [letter to the Secretary of State dated 9 September 2025](#), that their preferred form of protective provisions (as submitted at Appendix 1 to the letter to the Secretary of State dated 9 September 2025) provide sufficient protection for their assets and consented projects, avoid through the appointment of independent joint technical experts the need for the Secretary of State to become arbiter on matters of technical detail, allow the conclusion to be reached that the Applicant's proposals have been brought forward with a view to avoiding economic loss, and thus enable the policy goal of successful co-existence to be achieved.

## References

[Equinor IPs Wake Effects Position Statement \[REP6-143\]](#)

[Letter to the Secretary of State dated 9 September 2025](#)