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Dear Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero

EN010136 - Application by Morgan Offshore Wind Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Morgan Offshore Wind Farm: Generation Assets
Withdrawal of objection by Walney Extension Limited

This letter is submitted by Walney Extension Limited, a company incorporated under the Companies Acts (Registered Number 07306956) and having its registered office at Howick Place, London, SW1P 1WG.

During the Examination of the application for an order granting development consent for the Morgan Offshore Wind Farm: Generation Assets (the "**Proposed Development**"), Walney Extension Limited made a number of representations to the Examining Authority in respect of the potential impact of the Proposed Development on an operational offshore wind farm owned and operated by Walney Extension Limited.

Following the close of the Examination, the Applicant and Walney Extension Limited have continued to negotiate terms of an agreement that would address the matters raised and that (i) allows Walney Extension Limited to withdraw its objection to the Proposed Development and (ii) provides mitigation of identified wake effects on Walney Extension Wind Farm. Agreement has now been reached between the parties.

As such, Walney Extension Limited <u>withdraws its objection</u> to the application for development consent for the Proposed Development, and to the development consent order being made in the terms sought by the Applicant.

For the avoidance of doubt, Walney Extension Limited does not consider any additional provisions are required in the development consent order (e.g. a requirement or protective provisions) in respect of wake loss impacts. Walney Extension Limited is aware that the Mona Offshore Wind Farm Order 2025 was recently granted and included a requirement (requirement 29 (wake effects)) that *inter alia* secured further steps to be taken by the undertaker of the Mona Offshore Wind Farm to mitigate potential wake impacts on the operational offshore wind farm owned and operated by Walney Extension Limited. As agreement has now been reached between the parties in respect of the Proposed Development, Walney Extension Limited does not consider an equivalent requirement is needed in any DCO granted for the Proposed Development in respect of Walney Extension Wind Farm.

However, if the Secretary of State decides to include a requirement in the development consent order regarding mitigation of wake loss impacts on Walney Extension Wind Farm, Walney Extension Limited considers suitable mitigation has been provided, such that any requirement could be discharged without any further controls on design or a need to consult further with Walney Extension Limited.

Walney Extension Limited consider that the Secretary of State can be satisfied that the Applicant has provided suitable mitigation and meets the relevant policy tests in respect of the assets owned and operated by the Walney Extension Limited.

In light of the agreement reached between the Applicant and Walney Extension Limited, it is considered that the Secretary of State can be satisfied that the Applicant has met the policy tests within the draft EN-3 that relate to wake effects. The Secretary of State can be satisfied that the applicant has worked collaboratively with Walney Extension Limited and taken reasonable steps to minimise the possible impact of wake effects on the operations of Walney Extension Limited.

Finally, for completeness Walney Extension Limited wishes to confirm that it has also reached agreement with the undertaker of the Mona Offshore Wind Project in respect of mitigation for wake effects. Walney Extension Limited intends to write to the Secretary of State separately to confirm that it is satisfied that requirement 29 of the Mona Offshore Wind Farm Order 2025 so far as it relates to the interests of Walney Extension Wind Farm can be discharged.

Yours faithfully,

For and on behalf of Walney Extension Limited