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Re: Proposed Application by Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (the Applicant) for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Mersey Tidal Power Project (the proposed development)

Dear Mr Luke,

I refer to your letter dated 3 April 2025, giving formal notification in relation to the above-mentioned project which is at the pre-application stage in the UK planning development process.

I note in the transboundary screening statement prepared on behalf of the Secretary of State, the Planning Inspectorate is of the view that the proposed development is likely to have significant effect on the environment in Ireland. In light of the proposed location, the length of the construction phase (10 yrs) and the potential operational lifetime (120yrs), we would agree that there are likely to be transboundary impacts for Ireland with respect to marine mammals and marine and intertidal ornithology as laid out in the scoping report.

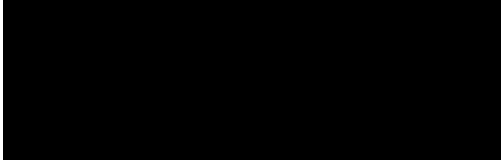
It is noted that the applicant's cumulative impact assessment has not yet been undertaken and the applicant has not identified any likely significant transboundary cumulative effects at this stage. However, the precautionary approach of the Inspectorate to potential transboundary cumulative effects is welcomed and we would note the potential for likely cumulative effects with any or all of Ireland's proposed Irish Sea offshore wind farm developments during all stages of the development.

I wish to confirm, on behalf of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, that Ireland accepts your invitation to participate in the transboundary EIA consultation procedure in relation to the proposed development.

I want to thank you for the invitation to participate and hope that you can keep us informed of any future transboundary EIA procedures. Please ensure that any communication in this regard also issue to transboundaryeia@housing.gov.ie.



Yours sincerely,



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