



17 July 2020

Dear Stakeholder,

**The East Anglia Three Offshore Wind Farm Order 2017 (as amended) - Application for a Non-material Change 2020**

East Anglia Three Limited (EATL) has submitted an application to the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) seeking a non-material change to the East Anglia THREE Offshore Wind Farm Order 2017 (as amended) (2017 Order (as amended)) which was submitted in accordance with the Infrastructure Planning (Changes to, and Revocation of, Development Consent Orders) Regulations 2011 (as amended) (2011 Regulations) (Application).

The East Anglia THREE Offshore Wind Farm Order 2017 (2017 Order) was granted on 7 August 2017 and came into force on 29 August 2017. The East Anglia THREE Offshore Wind Farm (Correction) Order 2018 was subsequently granted on 12 July 2018 to correct certain errors in the 2017 Order. The 2017 Order granted development consent to EATL for an offshore wind farm with a gross electrical output capacity of 1,200 megawatts (MW) located approximately 69km off the coast of Suffolk (Project). Subsequently the 2017 Order was amended in June 2019 to increase the maximum generating capacity from 1,200MW to 1,400MW resulting in the 2017 Order (as amended).

The Application seeks to make a non-material change to the 2017 Order (as amended) relating to the Offshore Substations Stations (OSSs) and Wind Turbine Generators (WTGs); a breakdown of the proposed amendments is detailed below.

- 1 The changes in OSS parameters subject to the NMC application are:
  - Reduction in the number of OSSs from 6 to 1;
  - Increase in the number of pin piles per OSS jacket leg from 1 to 4; and
  - Increase in the number of legs of the OSS from 4 to 6.
- 2 The changes in WTG parameters subject to the NMC application are:
  - Increase in the maximum tip height of 247 m to 262 m (relative to Lowest Astronomic Tide (LAT));
  - Increase in the minimum air draft of all WTGs from 22 m to 24 m (relative to (Mean High Water Springs (MHWS));
  - Increase in maximum rotor diameter from 220 m to 230 m; and
  - Reduction in the maximum, total number of WTGs from 172 to 121.

The Application seeks to amend the 2017 Order (as amended) for the EA THREE offshore wind farm to allow the Project to take advantage of advancing technologies and to realise efficiencies to deliver a reduction in levelised energy costs. The Supporting Statement for the Application concludes that the proposed amendments will not result in any new or materially different likely significant effects from those described in the original Environmental Statement.

You are being formally consulted by EATL on the proposed changes to the 2017 Order (as amended), as you are an organisation that was previously consulted on the 2017 Order and one that may have an interest in the marine environment where the wind farm array will be located.

In order to assist your consideration of the Application, we enclose copies of the documents outlined below.

## 1. The Supporting Statement

1.1 This document includes:

1.1.1 The details of the proposed non-material change to the 2017 Order (as amended) as prescribed by the 2011 Regulations; and

1.1.2 An explanation as to why the proposed change is considered non-material.

## 2. The draft Amendment Order

2.1 The enclosed draft Amendment Order sets out the amendments proposed to the 2017 Order (as amended) to reflect the changes described above. In order for those changes to be reflected in the amended Order the definition of "jacket foundation" has been deleted, an updated Radar Line of Sight Coverage plan is referenced as a certified document, and changes to the authorised development and amendments to the requirements have been made.

## 3. A tracked changes version of the 2017 Order (as amended)

3.1 We have also enclosed a copy of the 2017 Order (as amended) with the proposed changes tracked for your reference.

## 4. A tracked changes version of the Deemed Marine Licences (as amended in 2019)

4.1 We have enclosed a copy of the Deemed Marine Licences (as amended in 2019) with the proposed changes tracked for your reference.

## 5. A copy of the newspaper notice required by regulation 6 of the 2011 Regulations (Notice)

5.1 Notice of the non-material change application is being published as required by regulation 6 of the 2011 Regulations, and pursuant to regulation 7 of the 2011 Regulations a copy of the Notice is enclosed for your information.

5.2 As set out in the Notice, any representations about the Application may be sent by email to the Planning Inspectorate at [EastAngliaThree@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:EastAngliaThree@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) or in writing to: National Infrastructure Planning, The Planning Inspectorate, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN. Please quote reference East Anglia THREE (EN010056) on any correspondence.

5.3 Please note that any representations received by the Planning Inspectorate in response to the consultation will be handled in compliance with the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation and published on the Planning Inspectorate's Infrastructure Planning Portal (<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>) with all personal information removed.

5.4 Please note that the deadline for receipt a response from you is **11.59pm on 30 September 2020**.

We would be grateful if you would acknowledge safe receipt of this letter and its enclosures.

If you have any questions or require clarification on the content of this letter or accompanying information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

*David Boyd*

**Project Manager  
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On behalf of East Anglia Three Limited**

Enclosures:

- The Supporting Statement;
- The draft Amendment Order;
- The tracked changes version of the 2017 Order (as amended);
- The tracked changes version of the Deemed Marine Licences (as amended in 2019); and
- The Notice as required by regulation 7 of the 2011 Regulations.