



# Department for Energy Security & Net Zero

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Dear Rachael Devine,

## PLANNING ACT 2008

### EAST ANGLIA ONE NORTH OFFSHORE WIND FARM ORDER 2022

### EAST ANGLIA TWO OFFSHORE WIND FARM ORDER 2022

## APPROVAL OF PLAN FOR THE WORK OF THE RED THROATED DIVER COMPENSATION STEERING GROUP

1. The East Anglia ONE North (“EA1N”) and the East Anglia TWO (“EA2”) Offshore Wind Farm Orders 2022 (“the Orders”) contain requirements and conditions that the undertaker must comply with before certain works within the authorised developments as defined in the Orders can commence.
2. On 1 August 2024 ScottishPower Renewables (“the Applicant”) made a request to the Secretary of State for Energy Security & Net Zero (“the Secretary of State”) for the approval of the Plan for the work (“the Approval Request”) of the red throated diver compensation steering group (“RTDCSG”).
3. The Secretary of State wishes to inform the Applicant that consideration has now been given to the Approval Request.

## Plan for the work of the RTDCSG under Paragraph 2, Schedule 18, Part 3 to the Orders

4. Paragraph 2 of Part 3 of Schedule 18 to the Orders states that:

*“The authorised development may not be commenced until a plan for the work of the red-throated diver compensation steering group (“RTDCSG”) has been submitted to and approved by the Secretary of State. Such plan to include—*

- (a) terms of Reference of the RTDCSG;
- (b) details of the membership of the RTDCSG;
- (c) details of the schedule of meetings, timetable for preparation of the red-throated diver implementation and monitoring plan (the “RTDIMP”) and reporting and review periods; and
- (d) the dispute resolution mechanism.”

### **The Approval Request**

- 5. The Secretary of State notes East Anglia ONE North, and East Anglia TWO have made a joint request to the Secretary of State for the Approval Request.
- 6. On 1 August 2024 the Applicant provided a supporting document titled RTDCSG Plan of Work. The RTDCSG Plan of Work set out the terms of reference, details of the membership, the details of the schedule of meetings, timetables, reporting and review periods, and the dispute resolution mechanism for the RTDCSG.
- 7. On 25 September 2024 the Secretary of State requested that a number of further organisations be added as either core or advisory members to the steering group. The Secretary of State requested this as the specified members may have a potential interest in the RTDCSG, and to ensure that expertise from as many relevant organisations as possible contributes to the RTDCSG.
- 8. On 3 October 2024 the Applicant added the specified list of further members to the RTDCSG Plan of Work.

### **Consideration of the Approval Request by the Secretary of State**

- 9. The Secretary of State has considered the details provided by the Applicant in respect of the requirements related to the Approval Request. The Secretary of State is satisfied that the Approval Request and the updated supporting document RTDCSG Plan of Work (3 October 2024), provides the information required by Paragraph 2, Schedule 18, Part 3 to the Orders.
- 10. The Secretary of State therefore approves the Approval Request.

Yours sincerely



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