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Record of Meeting ABP-315800-23 4th Meeting

Case Reference / Description	ABP-315800-23 - Proposed Dublin Array offshore wind farm located approximately 10km off the coast of counties Dublin and Wicklow, at the Kish and Bray banks.		
Case Type	Marine pre-application consultation under Section 287		
1st / 2nd / 3rd Meeting	4 th		
Date	04/12/2023	Start Time	14:00pm
Location	Parnell Room, An Bord Pleanála	End Time	14:20pm

Representing An Bord Pleanála
Ciara Kellett, Director of Planning (Chair)
Stephen Kay, Assistant Director of Planning
Conor McGrath, Senior Planning Inspector
Eugene Nixon, Consultant
Cora Cunningham, Senior Executive Officer
Evan McGuigan, Executive Officer (online)

Representing the Prospective Applicant
John Lowry, RWE
Paul Kelly, RWE
Peter Lefroy, RWE (online)
Jamie May, RWE (online)

Kristian Martin, RWE (online)
Gillian Moore, RWE (online)
Jack Blades, RWE (online)
Sam Litchfield, RWE (online)
Sean Love, RWE (online)
Patrick Rainey, RWE (online)

Introduction

The meeting commenced at 14:00pm.

The Board's representatives referred to its previous meeting with the prospective applicant on 1st November 2023 and the record of this meeting. The Board's representatives asked if the prospective applicant had any comments it wished to make on the record of this meeting or questions; the prospective applicant replied that it did not.

Presentation by the prospective applicant:

The prospective applicant provided an update in relation to the proposed development by stating that it currently has a live Maritime Area Consent (MAC) application with the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA) for pontoon infrastructure associated with the Operations and Maintenance facility in Dun Laoghaire Harbour. It anticipates that MARA will make a determination on this application by February. It stated that the Operations and Maintenance facility infrastructure would be included in any future application for the proposed development and that it does not anticipate any problems with closing off consultations before this MAC is awarded.

The prospective applicant further submitted that it had held engagements with MARA and the Department in relation to the temporary use of the maritime area adjacent to the MAC boundary during construction, including whether anchors for construction vessels would need to be splayed solely within the MAC boundary.

Discussion:

The following matters were discussed:

- A discussion was held between the Board's representatives and the prospective applicant in relation to the engagements held between the prospective applicant and MARA concerning the live MAC application for the pontoon infrastructure and the positioning of anchors / moorings adjacent to the MAC boundary. The prospective applicant stated that it is receiving legal advice in relation to these issues and would continue its engagements with MARA before further updating the Board.
- Following a query from the Board's representatives, the prospective applicant stated its belief that the live MAC application would not impact significantly on the timelines for the proposed development and that, should there be delays in determining the live application, MARA would consider an extension to the prospective applicant's current MAC beyond its current June deadline. It further stated that it would receive a letter of consent from Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council in relation to the harbour.

Conclusion:

The record of the meeting will issue in due course and the prospective applicant can submit any comments it may have in writing or alternatively bring any comments for discussion at the time of any further meeting.

The meeting concluded at 14:20pm.

Ciara Kellett 20/12/23

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