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Dear Tom,

RE: Project of Common Interest under The Regulation for the trans-European energy infrastructure (EU347/2013) – acceptance of the submitted application file

Thank you for your e-mail of 22 July confirming that the earlier e-mail sent on 22nd April was the notification that you are now entering the Statutory Permit Granting process under the TEN-E regulation. The procedure covers the period from the date of acceptance of the submitted application file (date of this letter) until the comprehensive decision is taken.

Having confirmed with relevant consenting authorities (Natural Resource Wales, Pembrokeshire County Council and Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority) that they are all content with the information provided by you as project promoter and have an agreed schedule for permits in place, as the competent authority for this project on behalf of the Welsh Ministers, we accept the formal application.

There is now an 18 month period until a comprehensive decision should be made (subject to extension in accordance with the TEN-E regulation).

The TEN-E Regulation does not replace any consents for infrastructure required in the UK. Although the NCA will facilitate and co-ordinate the permit granting process it does not determine consents. In Wales the processes for applying for consents are set out in guidance issued by the relevant consenting authorities and we are aware that you have submitted the required applications to all consenting authorities.

As the competent authority, we will now monitor compliance with the detailed schedule for permits by consenting authorities and should ensure that a comprehensive decision is delivered within 18 months following acceptance of the application.

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The Welsh Government is the single point of contact for the developer for the PCI permit granting process. However, to avoid an unnecessary additional layer of bureaucracy, we are happy for you to continue with your direct relationship with relevant consenting authorities. We are content that all relevant information has been submitted according to existing procedures for any relevant consenting regime and that you have notified Welsh Government of those applications.

We also note that your website is in accordance with the TEN-E regulation and that it includes the following:

- (a) the information leaflet referred to in Annex VI(5) of the TEN-E Regulation;
- (b) a non-technical and regularly updated summary of no more than 50 pages reflecting the current status of the project and clearly indicating, in case of updates, changes to previous versions;
- (c) the project and public consultation planning, clearly indicating dates and locations for public consultations and hearings and the envisaged subject matters relevant for those hearings;
- (d) contact details in view of obtaining the full set of application documents;
- (e) contact details in view of conveying comments and objections during public consultations.
- (f) a link to the Commission's website.

We will also require the annual report on the progress of the Project of Common Interest (PCI) as the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs will need to submit a letter and the report to the Secretary of State for BEIS before 31 March 2021. The Welsh Government officials, on behalf of the Welsh Ministers, will act as a sole point of contact for the promoter in the process (Article 5(6)).

Yours sincerely

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