



Mr Daniel James  
NATIONAL GRID VIKING LINK LIMITED  
(By e-mail only)

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Dear Mr James,

**1.14 Project of Common Interest (PCI) Denmark – United Kingdom Interconnection  
[currently known as Viking Link Interconnector Cable]**

The Marine Management Organisation (MMO) received on 27 July 2016 a formal notification for the Viking Link Interconnector Cable from National Grid Viking Link Limited (NGVLL) and Energinet.dk, under Article 10(1)a of the Regulation on guidelines for trans-European energy infrastructure EU 347/2013 (the TEN-E Regulations).

In the case of the Viking Link Project, the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS) formally known as the Department for Energy and Climate Change (DECC) has delegated authority to co-ordinate the TEN-E process to the MMO.

The MMO has reviewed the notification and on 16 September 2016 requested you provide supplementary information, which you supplied on 24 October 2016. There are two outstanding corrections that require undertaking to the Viking Link Notification Letter (included in Appendix 1), however, these corrections are minor and do not preclude the MMO's ability to acknowledge the notification letter.

The MMO is now content to acknowledge the notification for the Viking Link (PCI) interconnector cable project. The MMO accepts the project into the permit granting process as sufficiently mature to be able to submit an application for the consents required within two years.

The date of this correspondence is the start date for the permit granting process as set out in the TEN-E Regulations.

Within three months of the date of this correspondence the MMO will prepare a detailed schedule for the permit granting process, which will include:



- a) The decisions and opinions obtained;
- b) The authorities, stakeholders, and the public likely to be concerned;
- c) The individual stages of the procedure and their duration;
- d) Major milestones to be accomplished and the deadlines in view of the decision taken; and
- e) The resources planned by the authorities and possible additional resource needs.

To enable the MMO to undertake this requirement please provide any plans or schedules for any required development consents that you have already prepared as part of the written notification, within two weeks of the date of this correspondence.

Within three months of the date of this correspondence you are required to submit to the MMO a “concept for public participation”, which must include:

- a) The stakeholders concerned and addressed;
- b) The measures envisaged, including proposed general locations and dates of dedicated meetings;
- c) The timeline for the consultation process, how long and how many consultations will take place and over what time period;
- d) The human resources allocated to the respective tasks;
- e) If it is not possible to specify exact dates or locations for the dedicated meetings then please set out in general terms what is proposed and use indicative timescales in which the consultation will be undertaken. Please note that consultations on a PCI must take place in each Member State within two months of the first consultation

The MMO would strongly recommend that you consult the other National Competent Authorities: Energy Agency/Energistyrelsen (DK), Ministry of Economic Affairs/ Ministerie van Economische Zaken (NL), Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency/Bundesamt Für Seeschifffahrt Und Hydrographie (BSH) and the Federal Network Agency/Bundesnetzagentur (DE), and the Local Planning Authorities: East Lindsey District Council, Boston Borough Council, North Kesteven District Council, Lincolnshire County Council and South Holland District Council, to assist in the concept for public participation.

The TEN-E Regulations include a number of additional consenting requirements and therefore the MMO advises that you read the Manual of Procedures, which can be viewed through the following link:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/311184/uk\\_manual\\_procedures\\_ten\\_e\\_regulation.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/311184/uk_manual_procedures_ten_e_regulation.pdf)

Should you have any queries regarding this correspondence, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,



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## **Appendix 1**

### **Viking Link Interconnector Cable – TEN-E Regulations Pre-Application Notification Letter – Changes Required**

I refer to the 'Viking Link Interconnector Cable – TEN-E Regulations Pre-Application Notification' letter submitted to the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) on 27th July 2016 in order to provide formal notification under Article 10(1)a of the TEN-E Regulations that National Grid Viking Link Limited (NGVLL) and Energinet.dk intend to submit applications for the necessary consents to construct the Viking Link Project.

I can confirm that the MMO have reviewed the document and have the following comments to make:

#### **1. Delegation**

##### **Changes Required**

- 1.1. Table 1 contains signposts to locations of requirements within the document which are incorrect, the page numbers must be updated within the table.

#### **2. Key Milestones and Implementation Plan**

##### **Changes Required**

- 2.1. There is a corrupted link in the Key Milestones and Implementation Plan Section, this must be rectified in the document.