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Dear Sam,

We note that very few of the important issues provided to you by the industry in response to your open letter in late 2009 have yet been incorporated in your latest proposals for the enduring regime. This is very concerning. I hope that you will take account of the views of those companies actually striving to deliver offshore wind farms (the developers and the supply chain) in this consultation otherwise the UK will miss its challenging targets by a wide mark.

One issue stands out as a clear urgent priority that must be addressed.

The developers and equipment suppliers are united in believing that the enduring regime currently has insufficient flexibility as to the timing of the appointment of the OFTO. Developers need to have the option, if they so wish, to transfer the assets to the OFTO after they have been built and commissioned – as per the historic and transitional arrangements. This will allow for the efficient and timely delivery of all projects and will significantly reduce project complexity and risk. Without this minor change to the enduring regime progress in the industry will grind to a halt over the next few years. This will cripple the supply chain and destroy any chance that the UK has of meeting its 2015 and 2020 targets.

I refer you to the previous consultation responses from Warwick, the BWEA and others for all of the remaining issues.

Given the weight of correspondence on this subject I suspect that you do not need further details but I would be happy to provide them again should you so wish.

Yours Sincerely

Mark Petterson
Executive Director