

OFTO Tender Round 8 launch Event 22 July 2021 Summary of Question and Answer session	
Question	Answer
Why are Tender Rounds 8 and 9 overlapping?	Ofgem advised that the timing of tender rounds is largely dependent on the schedule on which wind farms are being developed which is outside of Ofgem control. When scheduling tender rounds Ofgem do take account of the pressure that overlapping tender rounds may cause on the parties involved and try to minimise that.
Will the Offshore Transmission Network Review have any effect on Tender Round 8?	Ofgem stated that the OTNR review would have no effect on TR8. The nature of offshore projects involves very long lead times, and Hornsea Two offshore assets have been in development for several years and are too far advanced to be considered for any decisions coming out of the OTNR.
Will the Hornsea Two OFTO electrical and logistical setup be completely separate from Hornsea One and are both Hornsea Two proposals separate?	Orsted commented that they are not sure what is meant by "both Hornsea Two proposals", but said that more generally: the electrical set up of both wind farms are entirely separate and independent'.
When is the date to submit EPQ?	Ofgem confirmed deadline for submission of EPQ as 7 October 2021, 12 noon.
Are Orsted undertaking the O+M on Hornsea One?	Orsted confirmed they are undertaking the operation and maintenance for Hornsea One.
When will Offshore Transmission: Guidance for Cost Assessment be updated the last update was in April 2019?	Ofgem advised the Guidance for Cost Assessment will be updated this financial year.
Can we have the contact of Orsted to discuss O&M?	Ofgem advised that interaction with Orsted should be on the basis of the rules governing the tender process and noted that if Orsted offer an O&M proposition, it must be the same for all interested parties. Ofgem facilitates discussions between developers and qualifying bidders,

	<p>where the developer intends to offer an O&M solution.</p>
<p>Are there any regulatory hurdles for TSO being certified under the ownership unbundling requirements for the OFTO regime? If yes, which one?</p>	<p>Ofgem has published guidance on certification and what factors will be taken into account in the Authority's decision-making process: Certification arrangements in Great Britain following amendments to the ownership unbundling provisions of the Gas Act 1986 and the Electricity Act 1989: End of the transition period Ofgem. Whilst applicants should seek their own legal advice, we are willing to discuss the subject with interested parties. Please contact us to discuss.</p>
<p>What is the current expectation on the impact of the OFTO owner if a windfarm is repowered or extended in life?</p>	<p>Ofgem advised that a first set of decisions have been made on this. (Available here End of Tender Revenue Stream – Decision Ofgem) Broadly, there will be three options: decommissioning, increasing the concession period and re-tendering.</p>
<p>Will Ofgem also be publishing further guidance on OFTO of Last Resort alongside the End of Tender Revenue Stream guidance?</p>	<p>Ofgem advised that it will not be publishing this guidance alongside the end of revenue decision, but will do so in due course.</p>