

OFGEM,  
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Re : OFTO Consultation 20 November 2008 (153/08).

Dear Sirs,

Mainstream Renewable Power

Mainstream Renewable Power has been established by Dr Eddie O'Connor, previously co-founder, CEO and driving force behind Airtricity. Following the successful sale of that company in 2008, he formed a core team of professionals equipped to develop a distinct, entrepreneurial and visionary business focused on generating electricity from renewable sources – at scale.

The development of substantial offshore wind farms around the UK is a core theme in Mainstream's corporate strategy. Mainstream recognise that the UK's 25GW offshore wind target brings an immediate need for a step change in the provision and management of offshore transmission infrastructure.

Comments

Mainstream have reviewed the above referenced consultation and are currently working to take account of many of the issues that it raises. Mainstream Renewable Power welcomes this further opportunity to comment on and influence the regulatory regime that is developing for offshore transmission.

There are a number of issues addressed in the November paper on which we wish to comment including the impact of the potential unbundling requirements of the EU Third Package and also the risk of OFTO abandonment or insolvency and how that will be addressed both at a financial and practical level.

Mainstream acknowledge the significant effort made by government agencies, regulators and National Grid in developing the proposed arrangements. However, Mainstream is concerned that the arrangements may not deliver the efficient integration of offshore projects developed under the Crown Estate's third offshore wind licensing round. ("Round 3")

At present, Mainstream is focussing much of its energies on developing its Round 3 bid proposal and on considering the OFTO regime in the context of that bid proposal. Mainstream therefore do not propose to submit comments on the November consultation paper in line with your deadline of 9th January.



As Mainstream does have views that it wishes to pass on to you we will document these as soon as possible and submit them to you either before or at the same time as responding on your proposed final consultation document on the OFTO regime in Spring 09.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss any aspect of this response.

Yours faithfully,

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Mainstream Renewable Power Ltd.

