

## **NOTICE UNDER THE ELECTRICITY (COMPETITIVE TENDERS FOR OFFSHORE TRANSMISSION LICENCES) REGULATIONS 2015**

1. In relation to Beatrice Offshore Wind Farm, Hornsea One Offshore Wind Farm and East Anglia One Offshore Wind Farm (**the Projects**), the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority (**the Authority**), under regulation 12(1) of the Electricity (Competitive Tenders for Offshore Transmission Licences) Regulations 2015 (**the Tender Regulations**):
  - a. has determined that the requests received relate to qualifying projects in accordance with regulation 8(5);
  - b. has received payment and security from each developer in accordance with regulation 10; and
  - c. is satisfied that any conditions specified in paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the Tender Regulations, which must be met by each developer prior to the publication of a notice under regulation 12(1), have been met pursuant to regulation 11(1)(b).
2. The Authority hereby gives notice pursuant to regulation 12(1) of the Tender Regulations of its intention to commence a tender round in respect of the Projects on 30 November 2018.
3. The Authority notes that:
  - a. the tender process will consist of two stages for each of the Projects: an Enhanced Pre-Qualification (**EPQ**) stage followed by an Invitation to Tender (**ITT**) stage which will result in the selection of a preferred bidder;
  - b. any bidder that qualifies at the EPQ stage will "passport" in to the ITT stage for all of the Projects for which it has indicated it will participate;
  - c. where the maximum number of qualified bidders has not been reached for a Project, the Authority may run an additional EPQ stage in accordance with requirements that will be published in the EPQ documentation;

- d. any bidder wishing to participate in the EPQ stage for any or all of the Projects and/or in an additional EPQ stage, if held, must express interest in doing so in accordance with the requirements that will be published in the EPQ documentation;
- e. the Authority intends to stagger the ITT stages for each Project based on each Project's date of first power; and
- f. as a result of the staggering of ITT stages, if an additional EPQ stage is held, any bidders qualifying as a result of that additional EPQ will only be eligible to submit an ITT submission for Projects yet to commence the ITT stage at the time of qualification.

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**Duly authorised on behalf of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority**  
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