

## **RWE npower renewables**

### **Section 48, Planning Act 2008**

#### **Regulation 4, The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009**

##### **Notice of proposed application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to construct and operate the Triton Knoll Offshore Wind Farm**

1. Notice is hereby given that Triton Knoll Offshore Wind Farm Limited of Auckland House, Lydiard Fields, Great Western Way, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN5 8ZT intends to apply for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to the Infrastructure Planning Commission ("IPC") under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 ("the Act") for the above-mentioned offshore wind farm ("the proposed application"). Triton Knoll Offshore Wind Farm Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of RWE Npower Renewables Limited, which is in turn owned by RWE Innogy. RWE Innogy is a European-wide renewable energy company owned by RWE AG.
2. The closest point to land of Triton Knoll Offshore Wind Farm is approximately 33 kilometres (km) (20.5 miles) off the coast of Lincolnshire, 46km (28.5 miles) off the coast of north Norfolk and 48km (29.8 miles) off the nearest point on the East Riding of Yorkshire Coast. The Triton Knoll Offshore Wind Farm project occupies an area of approximately 135km<sup>2</sup> (52.1 square miles or 39.4 square nautical miles). The Offshore Wind Farm will comprise up to 333 wind turbines with a generating capacity of up to 1,200 megawatts (MW). Given that the generating capacity of the offshore wind farm is over 100MW, application for development consent is required to be made to the IPC under the provisions of the Act.
3. The proposed application to the IPC will seek a DCO for the construction and operation of the Triton Knoll Offshore Wind Farm comprising the following development:
  - the construction of up to 333 offshore wind turbines, the number being dependent on the generating potential of each turbine;
  - the construction of up to five offshore monitoring masts to collect information such as wind speeds and wind direction; and
  - the construction of up to eight offshore electricity substations, and cables buried in the sea bed to link the wind turbines and the offshore substations.
4. The proposed application is "EIA development" for the purposes of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009. This means that the proposed works constitute development for which an Environmental Impact Assessment is required and the proposed application for a DCO will therefore be accompanied by an Environmental Statement (ES).
5. The documents, plans and maps showing the nature and location of the proposed offshore wind farm together with copies of the information so far compiled about the environmental impacts ("Preliminary Environmental Information" (PEI)), are available for viewing free of charge from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2011 until 12<sup>th</sup> July 2011 at the places and times set out below:

Information available at	Opening hours
<b>Mablethorpe Library and Community Access Centre</b> Stanley Avenue, Mablethorpe, Lincolnshire, LN12 1DP	Mon, Tues & Fri – 9am - 5pm Wed – 9am - 4pm Thurs – 9am - 7pm Sat – 9am – 3pm Closed Sunday
<b>Skegness Library</b> 23 Roman Bank, Skegness, Lincolnshire, PE25 2SA	Mon – 9am - 5pm Tues & Wed – 9am - 1pm Thurs & Fri – 9am - 6pm Sat – 9am - 3pm Closed Sun
<b>Skegness Customer Access Point (East Lindsey District Council)</b> Skegness Town Hall, North Parade, Skegness, Lincolnshire, PE25 1DA	Mon to Fri – 9am - 4pm Closed Sat and Sun
<b>Grimsby Library</b> Town Hall Square, Grimsby, DN31 1 HG	Mon to Thurs – 8.30am - 7.30pm Fri – 8.30am - 5.30pm Sat – 9am - 4pm Sun – 10am - 4pm
<b>Withernsea Library</b> Queen Street, Withernsea HU19 2HH	Closed Mon & Sun Tues & Fri – 1pm - 5pm, 5.30pm - 7pm Wed – 1pm - 5pm Thurs – 10am - 12pm, 1pm - 5pm Sat – 9.30am - 12.30pm
<b>Wells-next-the-Sea Library</b> Station Road, Wells-next-the-Sea, Norfolk, NR23 1EA	Mon – 2pm - 7pm Tues – 9am - 1pm Wed & Fri – 9am - 6pm Sat – 9am - 1pm Closed Sun and Thurs

6. The PEI will also be available at public exhibitions which will be held at the following locations:

Exhibition location	Date and time of exhibition
<b>Wells Maltings Community Centre</b> Straithe Street, Wells-next-the-Sea Norfolk, NR23 1AU	Monday 20 June 2011 2pm – 8pm
<b>Embassy Theatre</b> Grand Parade, Skegness Lincolnshire, PE25 2UG	Tuesday 21 June 2011 2pm to 8pm
<b>Grimsby Town Hall</b> Town Hall Square Grimsby, DH31 1HX	Wednesday 22 June 2011 2pm to 8pm
<b>Mablethorpe Library and Community Access Centre</b> Stanley Avenue, Mablethorpe, LN12 1DP.	Thursday 23 June 2011 2pm – 7pm
<b>Easington Community Hall</b> The Square, Easington East Yorkshire, HU12 0TU	Friday 24 June 2011 2pm to 8pm

7. Copies of the PEI and the accompanying Non-Technical Summary (NTS) are also available from our website at [www.npower-renewables.com/tritonknoll](http://www.npower-renewables.com/tritonknoll) from 1st June 2011 or on request from:

Triton Knoll Offshore Wind Farm Limited  
RWE Npower Renewables  
Auckland House  
Lydiard Fields  
Great Western Way  
Swindon  
SN5 8ZT

The PEI document is available at a cost of £250 in hard copy format or at a cost of £10 on DVD. The NTS is available free of charge.

8. If you wish to respond about the proposals please do so in writing to Triton Knoll Offshore Wind Farm Limited, RWE Npower Renewables, Auckland House, Lydiard Fields, Great Western Way, Swindon, SN5 8ZT or by email to [tritonknoll@npower-renewables.com](mailto:tritonknoll@npower-renewables.com). Feedback forms are available on our website.

All responses must be received by **5pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2011**.

9. RWE Npower Renewables Limited requests that any response which you wish to make indicates who is making the response and provide an address to which any correspondence relating to the response may be sent. Please note that responses will be made public.

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