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## CONFIDENTIAL RESPONSE

Dear Sir / Madam

I am delighted to write to you on behalf of Fred Olsen Seawind (FOS).

FOS was established as a separate offshore wind-focused development company in 2021 and builds on the strong track record of Fred. Olsen Renewables as well as the maritime heritage of the Fred. Olsen group: including Fred. Olsen WindCarrier responsible for the installation of 20% of the world's offshore wind turbines outside of China and Fred. Olsen 1848 developing and commercialising renewable energy innovations. FOS is one half of the Codling Wind park joint venture with EDF.

We are pleased that DECC is updating its interconnection policy and we are keen to provide constructive input into the ongoing work by industry, DECC and CRU to provide for interconnection and Multi Purpose Interconnectors. At this stage we don't have much to add to the WEI and Codling responses, other than to say we have a preference to keep all options on the table for MPIs, including a regulated asset base – because of the complexities of mixing generation with transmission in the context of unbundling i.e. the similarities to an onshore meshed network.

We are currently updating our strategy for a connection we hold into Wales, and would be pleased to share our thinking as this progresses. We would also be keen to engage with DECC and other stakeholders on how we can help to address your priorities. We agree with industry stakeholders that additional interconnection is strategically important, in particular in meeting offshore wind targets as well as holding potential to fortify the all-Island network.

Please don't hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss further.

**Kind Regards** 



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