Hornsea 4 Offshore Wind Farm Update – 7.5.25

Dear Gareth,

I hope you’re well. You may have seen today that Ørsted has taken the decision not to progress with the development of the Hornsea 4 offshore wind farm in its current form. This was an incredibly tough decision and a disappointing outcome for the company and the teams that have worked so hard to develop Hornsea 4 to this point.

The reason for us no longer going ahead with Hornsea 4 in its current form is that the project has experienced several negative changes relating to increase of supply chain costs, an increase in the risk to construct and operate Hornsea 4 and higher interest rates. In combination, these changes have meaningfully deteriorated the business case where we are no longer comfortable with the level of value creation in the business case.

With this decision we will no longer deliver Hornsea 4 under the current CfD awarded last year in Allocation Round 6 (AR6). The project has been in development for more than 10 years and it is a project in which we still believe strongly and hope to progress it in the future.

We are not yet in a position to take any decision on stopping any ongoing onshore surveys, but we should have clarity on this in the coming days.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any immediate questions.

Kind regards,

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