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Dear Mr Bray,

**National Grid IFA2 Limited (NGIL) Proposed Interconnector Between France and the United Kingdom.  
Pre-App Notification of the Proposals Under the Trans-European Energy Infrastructure EU 347/2013 (TEN-E Regulation).**

The Marine Management Organisation (MMO) received on 9 December 2015 a formal notification for the Interconnector France – Anglaterrre 2 (IFA2) project under Article 10 of the Regulation on guidelines for trans-European energy infrastructure EU 347/2013 (the TEN-E Regulations). The Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) delegated the MMO as the National Competent Authority (NCA) for this project on 21 May 2014.

The MMO has reviewed the notification and is content to acknowledge the notification for the IFA2 interconnector cable project. The MMO accepts the project into the permit granting process as it is sufficiently mature to be able to submit an application for the consents required within two years.

The date of this correspondence is the start date for the permit granting process as set out in the TEN-E Regulations.

Within three months of the date of this correspondence the MMO will prepare a detailed schedule for the permit granting process, which will include:

- a) The decisions and opinions obtained;
- b) The authorities, stakeholders, and the public likely to be concerned;
- c) The individual stages of the procedure and their duration;
- d) Major milestones to be accomplished and the deadlines in view of the decision taken; and
- e) The resources planned by the authorities and possible additional resource needs.



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The MMO acknowledge that NGIL submitted the concept for public participation (Document ref: EBD-IF2-PLA-RPT-0003 (Version 1.0) on 9 December 2015 and can confirm that this document is subject to review by the MMO, pending some clarifications currently being prepared by National Grid

The TEN-E Regulations include a number of additional consenting requirements and therefore the MMO advises that you read the Manual of Procedures, which can be located on the DECC website at <https://www.gov.uk/consents-and-planning-applications-for-national-energy-infrastructure-projects>.

## **Conclusion**

If you have any queries regarding this response then please contact the undersigned directly.

Yours sincerely,



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