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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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24 February 2010

Dear Ms Bragoli

**Application to construct and operate an onshore wind farm at Frodsham Canal
Deposit Grounds, Cheshire under section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 and Section
90(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990**

I have pleasure in submitted the enclosed application for the proposed development of an onshore wind farm on and adjacent to the Frodsham Canal Deposit Grounds, near the Manchester Ship Canal in Cheshire. The application is made by Peel Wind Farms (Frodsham) Limited under section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 for consent to construct and operate the wind farm and for a direction under section 90(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 that planning permission for the development be deemed to be granted.

The full description of the proposal is:

Construction and operation of a 20 turbine onshore wind farm with an electricity output of up to 60MW including works to and construction of vehicular access tracks, ecological mitigation, an upgraded berth facility on the Manchester Ship Canal, anemometer mast and associated substation and connection

An Environmental Statement (ES) and Non-Technical Summary (NTS) have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2000. The ES and NTS relate to the overall proposal but also assess the individual impacts of the proposed Frodsham wind farm where appropriate.

As agreed, I enclose with this letter three hard copies of the application and eight digital copies on CD. The application package comprises the following documentation:

- This covering letter
- Forms and Notice
- Non-technical Summary
- Environmental Statement (Volumes 1, 2, 3a and 3b)
- Planning Statement
- Statement of Consultation

- Design and Access Statement
- Drawings

The following plans form part of the application and are submitted for approval. The application site boundary is shown on Plan Reference D117743/ES/013 'Site Plan.'

Plan Reference	Plan Title
D117743/ES/001	Proposed Site Layout
D117743/ES/002	Existing Site Plan
D117743/ES/003	Access Route to Site
D117743/ES/004	Proposed Access Route from Berth
D117743/ES/005	Proposed Road Widening for Access Route
D117743/ES/006	Proposed Works to Hool Pool Gutter Bridge (Bridge 2)
D117743/ES/007	Indicative Foundation Design – Turbines
D117743/ES/008	Access Tracks – Indicative Cross-Section
D117743/ES/009	Indicative Pipe Protection Detail
D117743/ES/010	Indicative Crane Pads
D117743/ES/011	Indicative Substation Arrangement
D117743/ES/012	Works to Canal Berth
D117743/ES/013	Site Plan
D117743/ES/014	Indicative Site Compound

The Department's required fee of £5,000 [five thousand pounds] is enclosed.

I enclose three hard copies of the statutory Form B, a copy of which has been sent to the relevant planning authority – Cheshire West and Chester Council. This is also provided electronically on the CD.

In addition to the copies of the application sent to Cheshire West and Chester Council, the following bodies and organisations have been sent a CD copy of the application:

- English Heritage;
- Natural England;
- Environment Agency;
- Countryside Agency;
- Cheshire Wildlife Trust;
- Royal Society for the Protection of Birds;
- The Civil Aviation Authority;
- National Air Traffic Services;
- Highways Agency;
- North West Regional Development Agency;
- Health and Safety Executive;
- NHS North West (Strategic Health Authority);
- 4NW;
- National Trust;
- Liverpool City Council;
- Halton Borough Council;
- Cheshire and Wirral Ornithological Society;
- Elton Parish Council;
- Ince Parish Council;
- Helsby Parish Council; and
- Frodsham Town Council.

Notice of the application has been served on third party landowners and agricultural tenants in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Electricity (Applications for Consent) Regulations 1990, as listed below:

Name	Address	Nature of Interest	Date Served
The Manchester Ship Canal Company	Maritime Centre, Port of Liverpool, Merseyside L21 1LA	Freeholder	23 Feb. 2010
Peel Environmental Limited	Peel Dome, The Trafford Centre, Manchester M17 8PL	Freeholder	23 Feb. 10
Peel Land (Red City) Limited	Billown Mansion, Ballasalla, Malew, Isle of Man IM9 3DL	Freeholder	23 Feb. 10
GrowHow UK Limited	Kemira Road, Ince, Nr Chester, Cheshire CH2 4LB	Freeholder	23 Feb. 10
Frodsham & District Wildfowlers Club Limited	63 King Stree, Wrexham	Licensee	23 Feb. 10
Mr & Mrs R Ollier	Frog Lane Farm Pickmere, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 0JG	Freeholder	23 Feb. 10
Mssrs Brown	New Dairy Farm, Elton, Cheshire CH2 4LJ	Freeholder	23 Feb. 10
Mr & Mrs D Cope	Juniper Cottage, Coggshall Lane, Comerbach, Northwich CW9 6BS	Freeholder	23 Feb. 10
Mr J H Willis	Holme Farm, Marsh Lane, Ince, Cheshire CH2 4NR	Leaseholder	23 Feb. 10
Mr N Faulkner	Covert Place, Hobb Lane, Dunham on the Hill, Frodsham WA6 0LR	Leaseholder	23 Feb. 10
Mr R Lightfoot	Cae ap Edward, Llanarmon yn Ial, Mold CH7 4QD	Leaseholder	23 Feb. 10

I also enclose a copy of the public notice which will be published in the following newspaper publications in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 9(3) of the Electricity (Applications for Consent) Regulations 2000 (as amended):

Publication Title	Publication Date(s)
The Times Newspaper	Thursday 25 th February 2010
The London Gazette	Thursday 25 th February 2010 Thursday 4 th March 2010
Runcorn and Widnes Weekly	Thursday 25 th February 2010 Thursday 4 th March 2010
Chester Chronicle	Friday 26 th February 2010 Friday 5 th March 2010
Ellesmere Port Pioneer	Wednesday 3 rd March 2010 Wednesday 10 th March 2010
Wirral News	Wednesday 3 rd March 2010 Wednesday 10 th March 2010

The public notice contains details of the locations where the application can be viewed by the public. The locations where copies have been lodged, as listed on the notice, comprise the following:

- *Cheshire West and Chester Council, The Planning Department, The Forum, Chester, CH1 2HS*
- *Cheshire West and Cheshire Council, The Planning Department, Wyvern House, The Drummer, Winsford, CW7 1AH*
- *Elton Library, Elton Community Centre, Elton, Chester, Cheshire, CH2 4PU*
- *Helsby Library, Lower Robin Hood Lane, Helsby, Cheshire, WA6 0BW*
- *Frodsham Library, Rock Chapel, High Street, Frodsham, Cheshire, WA6 7AN*

In addition to this submission and further to our correspondence, the following further materially relevant information will be provided to your Department in July 2010 to supplement the Environmental Statement during consideration of the proposal:

1. Great Crested Newt Survey (mid-March to mid-June)
2. Winter Bird Survey (x2 per month until end of March)
3. Lesser Silver Water Beetle (April)
4. Bat Surveys (trees along access routes – March)
5. Bat Activity Survey (April – June)
6. Phase 1 Habitat Survey (April)
7. Badger and Water Vole Survey (April)

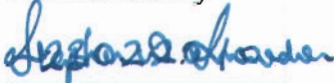
Only (1) and (5) will cover the entire site area; all of the other surveys relate to small, specific areas of land that represent less than 10% of the total scheme area. All surveys will be carried out during the optimum time of year to ensure that provide the best possible indication of the area's ecology.

The submission of this additional information to your Department will be advertised through the publication of further public notices within the aforementioned newspapers at the appropriate time, advising how representations may be made to this additional material. Additional copies will be provided to the bodies listed above.

In the event however, that a consultee wants more time to consider the additional information (e.g. Cheshire West and Chester Council or Natural England) prior to responding formally, I confirm that Peel Wind Farms (Frodsham) Limited would have no problem with allowing an extended response period.

I await confirmation from you that the application is properly made and valid, together with a starting date for the application. Should you have any queries or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above offices to discuss matters further.

Yours sincerely



Stephen W Snowdon
Development Manager