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NV-03905-24

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Notification pursuant to Article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) regarding a planned offshore wind farm “Ymer” in Sweden's exclusive economic zone.

According to article 3 point 1 of the Espoo Convention, affected countries shall be notified and consulted on projects that are likely to cause transboundary environmental impacts. As a party of origin, Sweden hereby notifies your state regarding the plans for the offshore windfarm “Ymer” in the Baltic Sea.

Information on the project

The developer, RWE Renewables Sweden intends to establish the Ymer wind farm in the Southern Baltic Sea. The offshore wind farm is planned to be built about 47 km southeast of the coast of Blekinge in Sweden. The area of the wind farm is located within the Swedish exclusive economic zone. The wind farm is planned for up to 270 turbines, with a total capacity of up to about 4 GW and an annual production of 15-20 TWh of electricity. The project area is located in the southern Baltic Sea and borders the Danish economic zone. The distance to the Polish EEZ is about 21 km. Transboundary impacts cannot therefore be excluded.

The planned project includes construction, operation, and decommissioning of the wind farm, as well as the installation of cables within the project area.

The construction and operation of wind turbines and associated projects in the Swedish EEZ, requires a permit from the Swedish Government in accordance with the Swedish EEZ Act (1992:1140). Government approval is also required by law of the continental shelf act (1966:314) to lay cables on the continental shelf, including both internal cables within the wind farm and connection to the shore. The application for a permit for laying marine cable will be submitted separately.

Comments received during the consultation process will be compiled and included in a consultation report. The consultation report is a basis for the EIA and is to be added as an attachment when the applications are submitted.

Participating in the transboundary EIA-procedure

Referring to Article 3.3 of the Espoo Convention, Sweden kindly asks eventual comments **no later than the 12th of June 2024** at the latest and:

1. acknowledge the receipt of the notification,
2. indicate, whether your country intends to participate in the EIA procedure
3. provide comments concerning the scope for the assessment of the environmental impacts of the project on your territory.
4. submit any comments you might receive from the public in your country.

Kindly send the answer to this notification by e-mail to:

registrator@naturvardsverket.se Please indicate Case number NV-03905-24 and “OWF Ymer” in your answer.

This decision has been made digitally and therefore lacks signatures

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Attachments

Consultation document (Swedish, English, and Polish)

Cc.

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