

## Notification under Article 3 of the Espoo Convention regarding "Sørlige Nordsjø II" offshore wind farm with grid connection.

Pursuant to Article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessments in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention), and the Regulations on impact assessment § 34, Norway hereby notify Points of Contact in Denmark, Germany, Netherlands, and United Kingdom regarding the plans for a 1500 MW offshore wind farm "Sørlige Nordsjø II" with grid connection connection to the Norwegian national power grid.

The Norwegian Environmental Agency is the responsible authority for fulfilling obligations for environmental impact assessments in a transboundary context in Norway, according to the Regulations on impact assessment § 35.

### Background

The Norwegian Water Resources and Energy Directorate (NVE) has received two notifications from Ventyr SN II AS (Ventyr) about the plans for a 1500 MW offshore wind farm, Sørlige Nordsjø II, with grid connection to the Norwegian national power grid.

Ventyr was the winner of the Norwegian auction for an offshore wind development project in the Sørlige Nordsjø II area. Ventyr has now made notifications with a proposal for an environmental impact assessment (EIA)-program.

The notification for the offshore wind farm describes the plans for the 520 km<sup>2</sup> large project area. The farm will consist of 60 – 100 turbines with a total installed capacity of 1500 MW, and a theoretical production of 7 – 8 TWh per year. To convert the electricity from AC to DC current, it is necessary to build an offshore converter station in the project area. The electricity will be transported via approximately 200 km long subsea DC-cables from the converter station to mainland Norway.

Ventyr has proposed nine landfall alternatives for the grid connection, with overhead lines and/or underground cables to Kvinesdal substation in Agder county.

The process includes a national consultation, as well as transboundary consultation with Denmark, Germany, Netherlands, and the United Kingdom. The transboundary consultation for the planning programme is held from June 20<sup>th</sup> – September 22<sup>th</sup> 2024.

Attached you will find scoping documents for both the wind farm and the grid connection.

## Participating in the transboundary consultation

The scoping documents are sent to the Points of Contacts for the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessments in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention).

Norway kindly asks you to organize the public participation procedures in your country, and to do the following:

- To please confirm receipt of this notification
- To distribute the documentation to the relevant parties
- To submit any comments from the relevant parties in your country

We ask that comments should be submitted no later than September 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024. Kindly send the response to The Norwegian Environmental Agency [post@miljodir.no](mailto:post@miljodir.no) with copy to [espoo@miljodir.no](mailto:espoo@miljodir.no) with the reference 2024/6016.