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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 March 2021 11:00
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: ScotWind Information session

Thanks [REDACTED]

Happy to schedule to fit in with you at a later date after the review is complete.

Thanks,
[REDACTED]

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Subject: RE: ScotWind Information session

[REDACTED]

Happy to do that, but given recent developments (the rapid review of ScotWind which is being coordinated with Mike Palmer and [REDACTED]) I wonder whether they might wish to do the briefing themselves / would prefer if we held off doing anything until the review is completed since it has the potential to result in the stage we are at and what next steps might look like. If you confirm you still wish to go ahead at present then I am happy to suggest some dates.

Regards

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Subject: ScotWind Information session

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Hi [REDACTED]

Hope you're well and that you haven't been too badly affected by the snow deluge!

I am emailing to ask if you would be willing to speak to our team (just the 6 of us) about ScotWind please? It would just be for an overview with some history, background, what stage you're at, progress, handling, etc. If you're happy to do so I will coordinate diaries.

Thanks,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Please note that I am currently working from home – contact me via email

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Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Board - late paper

[REDACTED]

The ScotWind rapid review paper which wasn't ready for inclusion in the Board pack earlier in the week is now available in Virtual Boardroom.

Have a good weekend ... staying in!
Kind regards

[REDACTED]
Governance Manager
Crown Estate Scotland
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Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: ReNews story on TCE bids

Just to add to this, we now have an agreed reactive line for if we are asked about this:

“The application window for ScotWind Leasing is currently live. Our leasing has been designed to attract major green investment to Scotland which will deliver long term economic and net zero benefits through a competitive and sustainable pipeline of projects. We are on track to help deliver that.”

We haven't been approached yet, but I imagine it is only a matter of time. We feel that there is potential for this to be an ongoing media and political issue in the build up to the elections in May, so we will also be developing some additional lines and messages around this. Clearly it would be good to work together on that as we go.

Any questions give me a shout.

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Subject: ReNews story on TCE bids

Hi all

As discussed on the call.....

'bonkers' Round 4 lease bids

By Stephen Dunne

Established UK offshore wind developers have reacted with dismay to the first option fee auctions in the Crown Estate's Round 4 leasing exercise after "ridiculous" high bids secured two prime awards.

There is widespread unhappiness following the outcome of initial bid cycles, industry sources said, with some critical of the level of money that will now swell Treasury coffers rather than provide development capital to fight climate change.

The first two daily option fee auctions, which started last Thursday, are understood to have been won by similar bids of around £150,000 per megawatt per annum for separate 1.5GW developments in the Irish Sea, prices described as "bonkers".

The option fee bids were far higher than many experts predicted and some developers were willing to pay. Bids in the range £10,000 to £30,000/MW/annum had been expected, experts said.

option at more than £200m per year, which could cost the successful developer around £2bn if it takes 10 years to bring a project to the point of construction.

The identity of the winner or winners is unknown. Market speculation is that the bidder is the same developer, possibly from the oil industry.

Sources said the "extraordinary" bids have distorted the market and will push up prices in the remaining rounds, although if the same developer is behind the first two bids it is now ineligible to contest further projects as there is a 3GW cap for each entrant.

A third bidding cycle this week resulted in a winning bid of around half the £150,000 figure for a 1.5GW project, it is understood.

"This was always a risk of the option fee (with) constrained supply and massive demand," one industry insider told reNEWS. "Questions have to be asked about the handling of this process."

The Crown Estate declined

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Sent: 02 March 2021 09:23
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Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: ReNews ScotWind focus

Hi all

Just a quick one to let you know that I got a heads up last night that ReNews are planning a big focus on the SWL delay for this week's edition and that it will focus heavily on the reaction of offshore wind developers, which we know has not been positive obviously. We didn't say too much to them, other than reiterating that we are targeting 24 March to have the review completed, but wanted to let you know as the mainstream press tend to often take their cue from ReNews when it comes to the state of play in the sector, so it may spark another round of headlines about it.....

Any questions give me a shout.



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To: [REDACTED] Palmer MR (Mike)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: TCE Round 4 lease bids story - preparing briefing notes
Attachments: 21-02-05 TCE Round 4.docx

Hi [REDACTED]

Just to supplement my last message:

- [REDACTED] has spoken to Mike this morning, which is what started us working on this
- Our plan is to provide something which the Cabinet Secretary could use to answer questions on this story, should it come up at Tuesday's committee meeting
- I've attached our current draft document for your review – we're still building this out, but it will give you an indication of what we want to provide

Best wishes,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: RE: TCE Round 4 lease bids story - preparing briefing notes

Hi [REDACTED]

We are working on a slightly fleshed-out document in a Q&A style, anticipating the questions likely to come up at committee and proposing answers for them.

All of this work is aligned with the lines you discussed with [REDACTED] yesterday – it will just expand on that core.

If it helps to discuss, please give me a call on [REDACTED]

Thanks,
[REDACTED]

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Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for getting in touch. I discussed this with Mike Palmer (copied in yesterday). We ran a fairly generic line past [REDACTED] yesterday which he was content with but have not been further involved in any lines for the committee on Tuesday.

Beyond the original suggest lines from John can I ask what you are prepping?

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]@crownstatescotland.com>
Subject: TCE Round 4 lease bids story - preparing briefing notes
Importance: High

Dear all,

In [REDACTED] absence, [REDACTED] has asked me to liaise with you and help prepare material related to this story for Tuesday's committee session.

I'm working on this now – if you'd like to discuss any aspect, please don't hesitate to contact me on the numbers below.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 February 2021 12:32
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CES draft announcement on ScotWind

Hi [REDACTED]

Many thanks.

[REDACTED] and I will now look at this before taking to Comms colleagues.

Once you have an idea on the date, let me know and I can slot in.

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Subject: RE: CES draft announcement on ScotWind

Hi [REDACTED]

An updated draft attached. The only part still left blank is on the extension of the deadline for applications as we still need to make a decision on that. Hopefully that doesn't hold things up from your side though, and we'll clearly get that decision made today ahead of announcement tomorrow.

Any questions let me know.

[REDACTED]

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Hi [REDACTED]

Following the meeting, I'll await a further draft with any tweaks CES may have before moving this forward at our side.

Thanks,

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Subject: RE: CES draft announcement on ScotWind

Morning [redacted]

Ahead of our meeting later this morning, please find attached an updated draft press release, which reflects the different approach that we feel is better.

Any questions let me know, although clearly we are catching up shortly anyway.

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Subject: RE: CES draft announcement on ScotWind

Thanks [redacted]

I think Simon is about to get in touch with you, but we have now decided to hold off on this for the moment and will work on an updated announcement following on from our meeting with yourself tomorrow morning.

Thanks

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Subject: RE: CES draft announcement on ScotWind

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Thanks for this. We'll come back to you in due course following the Cab Sec meeting.

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Subject: CES draft announcement on ScotWind

Importance: High

Hi [redacted] et al

Please find attached a draft of our announcement regarding the potential pause to SWL. We would like to make a request for a Ministerial quote for the announcement as you will see. This request is from our CEO Simon.

I know that [redacted] and the CabSec are discussing this shortly, but we want to be ready if we have to make an announcement of a pause at short notice.

We will also work up some lines and responses to some of the questions we anticipate coming in off the back of this announcement.

Any questions let me know.

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