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Re Amendment to the Development Framework for

Offshore Wind Energy

Dear Chairman,

Offshore wind is an essential pillar of the Dutch task of achieving green growth and sustainability and of providing future generations with clean energy, energy security and energy independence. These are no longer self-evident in a world facing changes on a geopolitical level. An independent, in-house energy supply is therefore more important than ever to make us resilient. Clean energy from offshore wind is therefore an indispensable part of the solution for the Netherlands to ensure the desired security, independence and sustainability. That is why the Government is fully implementing the current roadmap for 21 gigawatts (GW) of offshore wind and has the ambition to achieve 50 GW of offshore wind by 2040.

To bring the energy generated by offshore wind turbines to land, the grid is built at sea. The Offshore Wind Energy Development Framework (hereinafter: Development Framework) has an important role in the construction of the offshore grid. The Development Framework specifies the assignment to TenneT for the construction of the grid.

With this letter, the Government informs the House of Representatives about a number of adjustments to the Development Framework, as announced in an earlier letter¹. With this, the Government instructs TenneT to make the necessary investments, and changes are made to achieve the objectives for offshore wind and a reliable grid.

The Government has opted for these changes because they prevent higher costs and are necessary to realise the offshore wind task (in time). With these changes, TenneT is legally obliged to make these investments. TenneT has already included these costs in the latest calculations of its investment agenda that have been shared with your Chamber². TenneT's investment agenda leads to a capital requirement. In the spring of 2025, a choice will be made about how this will be fulfilled for TenneT Netherlands. If additional budgetary resources from the

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¹ Parliamentary Paper 2024/25, 33561, no. 66

² Parliamentary Paper 2024/25, 28165, no. 429

national budget are required, this intention will be submitted to your parliament via the first supplementary budget.

Compared to the version published in April 2024³, the Government has made the following changes, in addition to a general update.

- TenneT is asked to carry out the survey for Doordewind Site II. This is necessary to enable TenneT to call off the cable at the agreed time, which would otherwise lead to cancellation costs and delay in the delivery of this wind farm. In addition, TenneT can carry out the survey for Doordewind Site I and Doordewind Site II simultaneously, which saves costs.
- LionLink is a hybrid interconnector between the Netherlands and the United Kingdom that runs via the Nederwiek Site III wind farm. TenneT is enabled to develop LionLink, as the social benefits of LionLink far outweigh the costs.
- As the Government wrote in the aforementioned letter¹ on offshore wind, it has been decided to split the sites of IJmuiden ver Gamma and Nederwiek I [and change them] from 2 GW to 1 GW per site. These [1 GW] sites are now called IJmuiden Ver Sites Gamma-A and Gamma-B and Nederwiek Sites I-A and I-B. The completion dates of Nederwiek Sites I-A and I-B have been adjusted.
- Customer connections are available on offshore wind platforms. Electricity customers can connect to these. There are activities that represent a major public interest that may need a customer connection. Customer connections are reserved for this.
- On direct current platforms, the Government has changed the number of fields to which two inter-array cables can be connected from four to two.
- The Government considers it important that TenneT acts in line with European regulations on Corporate Social Responsibility. That is why further information has been included about the sustainability regulations that TenneT must comply with.

This ensures that the roll-out of offshore wind can continue for the benefit of energy independence, energy security and sustainability.

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³ Parliamentary Paper 2023/24, 33 561 no. 61