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Date

About Adjustment of the Development Framework for Offshore Wind Energy

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Dear Mr Speaker,

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An independent and sustainable energy supply that offers security of supply is more important than ever. These are no longer self-evident in this rapidly changing world. Offshore wind energy is a crucial prerequisite for developing an energy system that meets these requirements. For the realisation of offshore wind, the Government has drawn up a 21 GW Roadmap. Due to the importance of offshore wind, the Government is implementing it in full, in accordance with the Government's programme.

The offshore grid brings the electricity generated by offshore wind turbines to land. The Development Framework for Offshore Wind Energy (hereinafter: Development Framework) has a crucial role in this. The Development Framework commissions grid operator TenneT to construct the offshore grid. With this letter, the Government informs the House of Representatives about a number of adjustments to the Development Framework.

This adjustment of the Development Framework makes a number of things possible. The most important concerns the commissioning of an additional 2 GW direct current (DC) grid connection from TenneT. This connection concerns the connection of Doordewind Site II. This is a follow-up to the advice on the North Sea 2050 Energy Infrastructure Plan that has been shared with the House of Representatives¹: "It is therefore desirable to reach a decision in the short term about whether TenneT is awarded an assignment for additional projects on the current roadmap, including the Doordewind 2 project". This is also in line with my predecessor's letter to the House of Representatives on 25 April 2024, in which it was announced that Doordewind Site II will be moved to the next phase². This is a first step after the current roadmap. Designation of the next connection is necessary because the lead times for the realisation of a grid connection for an offshore wind farm are long. The House of Representatives was recently informed about the guarantee ceiling for TenneT that makes this step possible³. Preceded

¹ Parliamentary Papers II 2023/24, 33561, no. 63, p. 4

² Parliamentary Papers II 2023/24 33 561, no. 61, p. 3

³ Parliamentary Papers II 2024/25 28165, no. 447, p. 4

by an assessment by the ACM of effectiveness and efficiency, the costs of TenneT's offshore grid will be included in the network tariffs⁴ as usual.

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The order to TenneT for a 2 GW connection is final, but the designation of Doordewind Site II as a location to connect is subject to change, because the designation of the associated wind farm area is part of the decision-making process of the Partial Revision of the North Sea Programme, which is expected to be completed by the end of this year. The House of Representatives was recently informed about the consultation on the draft Partial Revision of the North Sea Programme⁵, which includes the wind farm areas belonging to Doordewind Site II. The integration costs up to and including 2030 that arise from Doordewind II are part of the package for a resilient energy system and a future-proof industry. The structural integration costs are covered within the SDE scheme. The North Sea Programme also considers the trade-off between wind farm areas and other activities, such as fisheries, shipping, defence, etc., as indicated in the answers to parliamentary questions from member Vermeer on 4 March 2025⁶.

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The Government is currently commissioning the development of this 2 GW connection, because it will enable TenneT to meet its contractual obligations with regard to the substation platform and cable suppliers and thus avoid additional costs for TenneT. Finally, any gap in the roll-out of offshore wind is kept as small as possible. If these wind farm areas are not definitively designated in the Partial Revision of the North Sea Programme, the location may still change.

In addition to commissioning this grid connection from TenneT, various other changes are being made to the Development Framework. These changes do not affect fisheries:

- As announced in the Letter to Parliament⁷ of 5 December 2024, the DC cables for a deep landfall no longer fall within the scope of the Delta Rhine Corridor (DRC). Deep landings are used to bring power from offshore wind farms further inland. Therefore, the possibility of a deep landfall will be investigated outside the DRC. TenneT has been commissioned to prepare for this (such as research). The actual development of a deep landfall is not commissioned with this amendment. The House of Representatives will be informed about this in more detail.
- The Government has split a number of 2 GW wind sites into two 1 GW sites⁸. An explanation has now been added about how connection fields on a platform are shared in the case of a split site.
- An adjustment of the definition of customer connection, so that not only electricity can be purchased via this connection but it can also be [directly] fed in (under certain conditions).

With these changes, the Government ensures that Dutch energy independence and security of supply, as well as the sustainability of Dutch energy production, can be continued through the development of offshore wind energy.

⁴ The House was recently informed about network tariffs in the context of an interdepartmental policy study (IBO). Parliamentary Papers II 2024/25, 29023, no. 567

⁵ Parliamentary Papers II 2024/25, 35325, no. 10

⁶ Parliamentary Papers II 2024/25, 2025Z00900

⁷ Parliamentary Papers II 2024/25 29826, no. 216

⁸ Parliamentary Papers II 2024/25 33561, no. 67, p. 2

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