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33 561 Structural Vision for Offshore Wind Energy (SV WoZ)

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To the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the States General

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The electricity chain is the backbone of the future energy system. Many businesses that currently use other energy sources will switch to electricity in the future. The further roll-out of offshore wind is an important factor in continued development of the electricity chain. The Government is therefore investing heavily in offshore wind energy and, in April, decided to award permits for two 1 gigawatt (GW) sites later this year. These will be the IJmuiden Ver Gamma-A and IJmuiden Ver Gamma-B sites¹. This requires changes to the Offshore Wind Energy Development Framework (hereinafter referred to as the Development Framework). In addition, offshore wind policy has been amended in various ways recently, which must be incorporated into the Development Framework.

This Letter to Parliament therefore addresses three different issues: (1) partial updating of the delivery and tender dates, (2) changed policy leading to changes in the Development Framework, and (3) a look ahead to further updating of the Offshore Wind Energy Roadmap and the Development Framework.

Partial update of delivery and tender dates

The electricity generated by the wind farms at IJmuiden Ver Gamma-A and IJmuiden Ver Gamma-B will be brought ashore via a single offshore grid connection. TenneT is developing this offshore grid. These wind farms were originally supposed to be permitted in 2025, but due to deteriorating market conditions and lagging electricity demand, the previous government decided to take a phased approach². The Government therefore intends to grant permits for the two sites this year through subsidy tenders¹. That is why the delivery dates, part of the Development Framework, must be updated. Enclosed with this Letter, the House will therefore receive an amended Development Framework. In this plan, the timetable for the statutory assignment to TenneT to build the offshore grid for IJmuiden Ver Gamma-A and -B has been adjusted to match the timeframe for the wind farms. For TenneT, wind farm developers that want to bid in the tenders and other parties, this makes clear when the grid connection and the wind farms must be realised. The

¹ Parliamentary Papers 2025/26, 33561, no. 101

² Parliamentary Papers 2024/25, 33561, no. 84.

Government is currently working on updating the Offshore Wind Energy Roadmap. The Government has therefore decided to leave delivery and tender dates for the other offshore grids and wind farm sites in the attached Development Framework unchanged until the Roadmap has been updated and there is more clarity about the new tender schedule. The House is expected to be informed about this at the end of the year.

Changes to policy

There have been several policy changes regarding offshore wind recently. For example, the North Sea Wind Energy Infrastructure Plan (WIN)³, the Offshore Wind Action Plan⁴ and the Offshore Wind Connection Programme – Eemshaven⁵ (PAWOZ-Eemshaven) have been published. In addition, the Energy Act entered into force on 1 January 2026. Recently, this Government also presented the Partially Revised North Sea Programme 2022-2027 to the House of Representatives, in which additional space for offshore wind has been designated⁶.

All these changes require, to a greater or lesser extent, an update of the Development Framework. In addition to adjusting the delivery dates of the sites to be permitted this year, more changes have therefore been made to the Development Framework. The most important ones concern the following:

- The fact that it is no longer being investigated whether a direct connection between the Ten Noorden van de Waddeneilanden Wind Farm Zone and Eemshaven is possible for the current Roadmap, because it was concluded in PAWOZ-Eemshaven that no electrical routes for this connection are possible. The wind farm zone remains under consideration as a possible future location for an offshore hydrogen demonstration project⁷.
- TenneT has been instructed to take into account a possible lifespan extension of up to 37 years for the offshore grids in the Borssele, Hollandse Kust (Zuid) and Hollandse Kust (Noord) Wind Farm Zones.
- In the Partially Revised North Sea Programme 2022-2027, the spatial assessment has been made and the previously designated Doordewind Wind Farm Zone has been reconfirmed and also expanded on the west side. That is why Doordewind Site II and the associated offshore grid have now been definitively included in the Development Framework. Previous

³ Parliamentary Papers 2024/25, 33561, no. 87

⁴ Parliamentary Papers 2025/26, 33561, no. 91

⁵ Parliamentary Papers 2024/25, 33561, no. 88

⁶ Parliamentary Papers, 2025/26, 35325, no. 11

⁷ In September 2025, the previous government decided to put the development of the demonstration projects on hold for five years, see the Climate and Energy Memorandum 2025, attached to Parliamentary Papers 2025/2026, 33043 no. 119.

reservations have been removed. With this, the consequences of the spatial assessment from the Partially Revised North Sea Programme 2022-2027 have also been included in the assignment to TenneT.

- The reservation of a customer connection at Hollandse Kust (Noord) for a hydrogen demonstration project has been adjusted as a result of the pause of the demonstration projects.

Outlook

With this update of the Development Framework, the Government is continuing the roll-out of offshore wind. This is the next step towards a more sustainable, independent and resilient Netherlands. At the end of this year, the House will be informed about the Offshore Wind Landing Connections Programme (pVAWOZ), in which research is being conducted into new landing routes for offshore wind (beyond the current Roadmap) and the new Offshore Wind Energy Roadmap and the associated Development Framework will also be shared with the House.

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