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Dear Ms. Sully,

Sizewell C DCO Examination

We are writing on behalf of East Suffolk Council and Suffolk County Council to request that the six-month period for formal Examination of the DCO application for Sizewell C starts no earlier than January 2021.

A pre-Christmas 2020 start of this process would put both the Councils and local community representatives at a distinct disadvantage as we manage the existing Examination process for East Anglia One North and East Anglia Two Offshore windfarms due to start on the 7 October 2020.

Both Councils have technical staff whose expertise is invaluable in relation to all three of these projects. In order for them to facilitate attendance, and be able to respond to your Examining Authorities in the timely manner that will be required of them, we ask for a minimum 3 month time period between the start of the Examinations in respect of ScottishPower Renewables projects, and that of EDF Energy's project. This would enable the same technical staff to be engaged fully in the dual processes. A three-month crossover period could be managed by the Councils but we would expect there to be careful consideration of all dates within the shared period to ensure that there are no unacceptable clashes with regard to the timetabling of hearings and deadlines. Similarly, local community representatives including Town and Parish Councils, will find it difficult to attend Hearings and respond to the Examining Authorities in a timely manner if there is more of a crossover period.

We are happy to discuss this further and be involved in timetable setting if that would help.

Yours sincerely,



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East Suffolk Council



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