

Dear reader,

With this email we would like to inform you on the progress in the upcoming subsidy and permit tenders in the Netherlands.

- **Adapted Electricity Act 1998 replaces Electricity and Gas Bill (Stroom)**
All legislation concerning offshore wind energy which had been in the Electricity and Gas Bill (Stroom) has been transferred instead to a proposal to adapt the Electricity Act 1998. Texts have been changed as little as possible to speed up the procedure. The proposal for adaptation passed Parliament on February 18th, 2016 and is now awaiting approval by the Senate. Accompanying this bill is a Governmental Decree on the offshore grid compensation scheme.
- **Publication of updated boundaries BWFZ, version 2 (2016-02-26)**
A new [memo with coordinates and a GIS file](#) has been made available on February 26th, 2016. Please note: The exact boundaries of BWFS will be published in the final Wind Farm Site Decisions. The memo is an update of the boundaries published previously in the draft Wind Farm Site Decisions and will be used as input for the final Wind Farm Site Decisions. Please note that only the boundaries in the final Wind Farm Site Decisions are legally binding. The memo and GIS file confers no rights and is provided for convenience purpose only.
- **Workshop Progress roadmap towards 4,500 MW offshore wind energy in the Netherlands**
We invite you for the 11th offshore wind energy workshop on the 5th of April 2016. You are welcome from 13.00 to 17.00 h CET in Park Plaza Amsterdam Airport hotel, Lijnden. The programme is announced on offshorewind.rvo.nl and will consist of several information sessions, an information market and an informal reception. Participation is free of charge, registration is mandatory. You can register by sending an email to woz@rvo.nl stating "participation workshop 11" and your name, company and email address.
- **Workshop BWFS V, Innovation Site 2016-03-07**
During this workshop the main aspects of the Innovation Site will be discussed, an outline of the innovation tender for this site and how bids will be evaluated. You can register with 1 person per company. The programme can be found [here](#). Closure of registration: March 3rd, 2016. You can register by sending an email to woz@rvo.nl stating "workshop Innovation Site V 2016-03-07" and your name, company and email address.
- **Subsidy and permit tender BWFZ Sites III and IV**
 - Watch the webinar on [Morphodynamics BWFS IV, III and V](#)
 - Watch the webinar on [Geotechnical and Geophysical SI data BWFS IV, III and V](#) (Kingdom project and GIS files Geotechnical Ground model will be published shortly)
- **Offshore grid; additional information released by TenneT (17 February 2016)**
During the consultation in 2015, TenneT agreed to providing additional information or updates. As of now, TenneT can provide to relevant stakeholders an information package consisting of plot plans of the platform and cable pull-in methodology including referenced documents. If you would like to receive this information package, please submit a request to Netopzee@tennet.eu.
- **New download available**
[FAQ SDE+: version 5: Dutch \(Pdf, 12-2-2015\)](#)
- **Upcoming**
 - 7 March 2016 – Workshop BWFS V, site for innovation, Utrecht
 - 5 April 2016 – Workshop 11 Offshore Wind Energy, Amsterdam
 - March 2016 – Publication PSD BWFS III and IV, version 1 is expected

If adaptation of the Electricity Act is accepted before the end of March 2016 by the Senate the next steps are foreseen:

- April 2016 - Publication final Wind Farm Site Decisions Borssele Wind Farm Sites I and II
- April 2016 - Publication final Wind Farm Site Decisions Borssele Wind Farm Sites IV, III and V
- April 2016 - Publication final PSD BWFS I and II, version 3
- April 2016 - Opening SDE+ Subsidy and Permit tender BWFS I and II
- September 2016 - Closing SDE+ Subsidy and Permit tender BWFS III and IV

Best regards,

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