



Status update Offshore Wind Energy

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Workshop Borssele Tender

The workshop on March 2nd 2015, which was tentatively announced, has been cancelled. Currently, there are not enough topics with new information to justify a workshop. Once we have progressed further we will again consult the industry for recommendations during a workshop.

Website

Keeping you up to date on our progress has high priority for us and we therefore send you this status update. This information can also be found on <http://english.rvo.nl/offshore-wind-energy>. On this webpage we try, to the best of our ability, to keep you updated on the progress of the tender of the 1st and 2nd Borssele wind farm site. Shortly, the GIS-data will be available on this website as well. Furthermore, the study on morphology and the metocean study, which first needs to be certified, will also be published on the website in the near future.



Status quo and outline of our planning

Legislation

The offshore wind energy bill was presented to the House of Representatives on the 16th of October 2014. The bill can be accessed on the following URL, but is available only in Dutch: (<https://zoek.officielebekendmakingen.nl/dossier/34058>). Recently the House of Representatives posed the second set of questions about the bill. The planning is that the bill will be in effect by the 1st of July 2015. As part of the law there will be an 'Implementation Regulation Law Offshore Wind Energy'. This regulation will only contain a limited number of sections. Shortly it will be online for consultation on the following website which is available in Dutch only: www.internetconsultatie.nl/. This regulation will come into force on the 1st of July 2015 as well. The same holds true for the modification of the 'Water decree' for the general rules on Offshore Wind Parks, which has previously been up for consultation on the following website available in Dutch only: (http://www.internetconsultatie.nl/besluit_algemene_regels_windparkenopzee). The Council of State recently published a positive advice about this modification. Lastly, the Bill on Electricity and Natural Gas will be presented to the House of Representatives during the spring of 2015. In the near future we will begin with the internet consultation for the Decree on Electricity and Natural Gas, which regulates the liability between the transmission system operator and the wind park. They are both planned to enter into force on the 1st of January 2016.

National Water Plan

On the 12th of December 2014 the minister of Infrastructure and the Environment sent the concept National Water Plan 2016-2021 to the House of Representatives. This can be accessed through the following website, available in Dutch only: (<https://zoek.officielebekendmakingen.nl/kst-31710-35.html>). The addendum is titled 'Concept North Sea policy 2016 – 2021' and can be accessed through: (<https://zoek.officielebekendmakingen.nl/blg-427951>). In paragraph 4.3 one can find, amongst other items, the procedure to determine the distance between mining locations and offshore wind farms. Moreover, there is a more detailed explanation of framework on ecology and accumulation and the rules on sea vessels passing through the wind park that are 24 meters in length or shorter. Lastly, paragraph 4.3 explains that off shore wind sites closer than 12 miles offshore in front of the coast of Holland will be designated in a revision of the National Water Plan 2016 – 2021. On the 24th of February 2015 there will be a meeting with industry about the framework on ecology and accumulation.



Wind Farm Site Decisions

The concept 'Memorandum on the Scope and Level of Detail' for the Environmental Impact Assessment was open for consultation from the 24th of October 2014 until the 4th of December 2014. On the 9th of December 2014 the independent commission for Environmental Impact Assessments advised positively on this document. (<http://english.rvo.nl/topics/sustainability/offshore-wind-energy/borssele-wind-farm-zone>). At the end of April 2015 we expect an interim recommendation from the independent commission for Environmental Impact Assessments on the 2nd Borssele wind farm site. In the second half of May 2015 a concept site decision for the 2nd Borssele wind farm site will be consulted. August 2015 the concept site decision for the 1st and 2nd wind farm zones will be open for consultation, together with the Environmental Impact Assessment. November 2015 the final site decisions for the 1st and 2nd Borssele wind farm zones will be published. Mid 2016 the Council of State will state their verdict on the procedure.

SDE+ (Stimulation of Sustainable Energy Production)

The amendment of the 'Stimulation of Sustainable Energy Production' was published on the 6th of February 2015 and will enter into force on the 1st of April 2015. The tender for Offshore Wind Energy will be published under this governmental decree. March 2015 a concept of this regulation will be open for consultation. The governmental decree will be published before the 1st of July 2015. In the final version of the regulation, maximum amounts for the tender will be announced. These amounts are calculated by ECN who is currently engaged with calculations for maximum base amounts for the different Wind Farm Zones.

National Coordination Regulation for the Offshore Transmission System

On the 4th of December 2014 the Minister of Economic Affairs communicated his decision to the House of Representatives that the National Coordination Regulation is applicable for the project 'Offshore Transmission System at Borssele' (<https://zoek.officielebekendmakingen.nl/kst-33561-13.html>). The concept 'Memorandum on the Scope and Level of Detail' will be published in March 2015 on the website of the Bureau for Energy Projects (www.bureau-energieprojecten.nl). The concept "inpassingsplan" and draft permits will be published in November 2015.

Stakeholder consultations TenneT

TenneT is engaging a broad stakeholder consultation procedure with regards to all technical, legal and planning issues related to the realization of the electrical infrastructure for Offshore Wind. The aim of these consultations is to reach the optimum configuration and realize the project at the lowest public cost. In this process all relevant stakeholders are invited to give their input on the topics at hand. Moreover, it will be clear for all concerned parties which choices are made, when they are made and what the considerations are. At the moment TenneT is developing a website to support this process.



Site Data Research

The document titled "Borssele Wind Farm Zone, Project & Site Description" contains the results of all investigations as they were available by the end of December 2014 (<http://www.rvo.nl/sites/default/files/2014/12/Borssele%20Wind%20Farm%20Zone.pdf>). On the 11th of February 2015 the morphodynamical desk study by Deltares was published (which includes a statement of Compliance by DNV-GL). Later this month we expect to publish the metocean study as well. The Amsterdam based company Deep BV started in January 2015 with the geophysical investigation of the 1st and 2nd Borssele Wind Farm Zone. Depending on the weather, the survey could be finished by mid-February. The results will be published by mid-April. The tender for the geotechnical work has started, the eventual scope will be based on the results of the geophysical investigation. As of now we assume app. 12 boreholes and 51 CPTP's. In April we will commence the geotechnical work.

The tender procedure of the metocean study, including meteorological measurements with a floating LiDAR is published. This is available on TenderNed, where one can look at the scope of the measurements (www.tenderned.nl under file number: TN54355). The measurements will contain data for at least a year and will be supplemented with a second measurement of 3 months to give an insight on the effects of the Belgian wind parks on yield.



Planning for the coming year

Actie	Datum
Meeting with industry about the framework on ecology and accumulation.	24-02-15
Metocean desk study by Deltares will be published.	28-02-15
Tentatively announced workshop has been cancelled.	02-03-15
A concept of the amendment of the 'Stimulation of Sustainable Energy Production' will be open for consultation.	31-03-15
A concept of the 'Memorandum on the Scope and Level of Detail' of the National Coordination Regulation for the Offshore Transmission System will be on the website of the Bureau for Energy Projects.	31-03-15
The amendment of the 'Stimulation of Sustainable Energy Production' will enter into force.	01-04-15
Interim recommendation from the independent commission for Environmental Impact Assessments on the 2nd Borssele wind farm site.	30-04-15
Survey results of the geophysical investigation of the 1st and 2nd Borssele Wind Farm Zone will be published.	30-04-15
A concept site decision for the 2nd Borssele wind farm site will be open for consultation.	31-05-15
The offshore wind energy bill, the Implementation Regulation Law Offshore Wind Energy and the modification of the water decree will enter force.	01-07-15
The governmental decree for the tender for Offshore Wind Energy will be published.	01-07-15
The concept site decision for the 1st and 2nd wind farm zones will be open for consultation, together with the Environmental Impact Assessment.	31-08-15
The concept "inpassingsplan" and draft permits of the National Coordination Regulation for the Offshore Transmission System will be published.	30-11-15
November 2015 the final site decisions for the 1st and 2nd Borssele wind farm zones will be published.	30-11-15
The call for tender opens.	31-12-15
The Bill on Electricity and Natural Gas will enter into force.	01-01-16
The Council of State will state their verdict on the procedure of the Environmental Impact Assessment.	30-06-16