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Regarding the transboundary environmental impact assessment of offshore windfarm project “Baltica 1 OWF” in Poland’s exclusive economic zone

The Environment State Bureau (hereinafter – the Bureau), acting as a competent authority on the environmental impact assessment (hereinafter – the EIA) in Latvia has received notification regarding transboundary environmental impact assessment of offshore windfarm project “*Baltica 1 OWF*” in Poland’s exclusive economic zone and documentation on 26th August 2022

The Bureau has gathered opinions expressed by various stakeholders and agrees with estimation that Latvia is not likely to be affected to such an extent that would require participation in the EIA and transboundary consultations under the the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention). The Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Latvia informed about correspondence with ferry operator “*Stena Line*”, that provides regular ferry traffic on the route *Travemünde (Germany) – Liepāja (Latvia)* about the Project’s possible impacts on ship traffic. The ferry operator hasn’t provided opinion in given time period. The Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Latvia expressed assumption that the Project will not affect ferry operator’s “*Stena Line*” organized ferry traffic. The Bureau will inform you in case we will receive essential information.

Though Latvia does not intend to take part in the transboundary consultation process as an affected party, we kindly ask the General Directorate for Environmental protection of Poland to

inform us about the findings of transboundary impact, especially if negative impacts on the environment are possible in the territory of Latvia, and the results of the EIA.

Yours sincerely,

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