

MAC Report	
Application for a Non-Material Amendment of a Maritime Area Consent (MAC) under Section 86(5) of Maritime Area Planning Act 2021, as amended (the Act)	
Application Details	
MAC Holder:	Oriel Windfarm Limited
MAC Reference No:	2022-MAC-001-C
Date Application Received:	17 June 2026
Non-material Amendment sought	Oriel Windfarm Limited has applied for the granting of a six-month extension to the date by which the Holder must have obtained a Route to Market for 2022-MAC-001. A previous non-material amendment was granted on 01 October 2025 which extended this Route to Market deadline from 31 December 2025 to 30 June 2026. The Applicant is now seeking a second non-material amendment of a further six-month extension to further extend this Route to Market deadline to 31 December 2026.
Recommendation:	To approve the Granting of non-material amendment sought to 2022-MAC-001.

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Reviewed & Approved by:	Jacinta Ponzi	Head of Maritime Consenting	30/06/2026
Final Report	Paul Brennan	MAC Manager	30/06/2026

1. Reasons why non-material amendment is sought

The Applicant stated that: *“we are pursuing a Merchant Route to Market for the project and that we are in continued discussions and negotiations with an off-taker, with commercial and legal terms of a Corporate Power Purchase Agreement (CPPA) at an advanced stage.*

However, we have encountered ongoing and unexpected delays in the planning consent process. A CPPA can not be executed in advance of planning consent for the project being granted.

Having submitted an application on 24th May 2024, the earliest date which An Comisiún Pleanála would accept an application. We have recently been informed by An Comisiún Pleanála, in a letter dated 20th May 2026, that a decision on our application will now be made on or before the 21st September 2026.”

The Applicant also stated *“Despite these delays to a consent decision we have continued to advance the project, including the completion of an extensive Geotechnical survey campaign in the first half of 2026, extensive supply chain engagement and design works. We are progressing towards executing a route to market under a Corporate Power Purchase Agreement, however this has been delayed whilst the determination of our development consent application is ongoing.*

We are now targeting a commercial operations date in Q4 2030.”

2. Assessment

The application has been processed in accordance with MARA’s procedure for processing non-material amendments to a MAC. On receipt of the application for a non-material amendment to a MAC, the application was reviewed for completeness. The Compliance, Enforcement & Revenue Unit (CERU) were consulted on the 29 June 2026 and invited to make any observations and comments on the non-material amendment application. The CERU confirmed on the 29 June 2026 that they had no observations to make.

The reasons for the particulars and conditions of the original MAC in relation to the timeframe for obtaining route to market were as follows:

The Particulars Schedule and Condition 7

ROUTE TO MARKET

The Holder shall obtain a Route to Market on or before the date set out in the Particulars Schedule. This date may be extended on request in writing by the Holder and provided the Grantor is satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for doing so and the extension does not constitute a material amendment to this Consent."

The Applicant has indicated that they are at an advanced stage of securing a route to market agreement with an off-taker, but that development permission is required to have been granted in advance of securing the agreement.

The Applicant submitted their planning application to An Bord Pleanála in May 2024. The Applicant has indicated that they are due a decision on their planning application on or before the 21 September 2026.

A previous non-material amendment was granted on 01 October 2025 which extended this Route to Market deadline from 31 December 2025 to 30 June 2026.

The Applicant is now seeking a second non-material amendment of a further six-month extension to further extend this Route to Market deadline to 31 December 2026.

MAC-2022-001 has specified the 30 June 2026 as the date by which the Holder must have obtained a Route to Market. Extending this date by six months gives a new deadline of 31 December 2026.

Government climate targets have been set for 5 GW of capacity in offshore wind by 2030. Accordingly, I am satisfied that the extension of the timeframe sought for obtaining a route to market is unlikely to impact overall timescales for assisting in meeting Government climate

targets.

3. Conclusion & Recommendation

All of the required information was provided by the Holder for the purposes of the assessment of this application for a non-material amendment to a MAC.

Following the detailed assessment of this information, I am satisfied that the proposed amendment is non-material in nature and that reasonable grounds for this amendment were provided by the holder. Accordingly, I recommend that the MAC is amended, as per the non-material amendment sought, in accordance with section 86(5)(b) of the MAP Act.

Signed: Paul Brennan Position: Manager, MAC Directorate