## **Consumer Protection and Technical Regulatory Authority**

On the basis of a list

28/12/2021 no. 16-7/21-02502-031

Notification of the initiation of the procedure for the superficies licence and the environmental impact assessment for the construction of the Utilitas OÜ offshore wind farm in the maritime area of Pärnumaa

We hereby inform you that the Consumer Protection and Technical Regulatory Authority, by its decision no. 1-7/21-521 of 23 December 2021, initiated the procedure for superficies licences, together with an environmental impact assessment, for an application submitted by Utilitas OÜ on 18 February 2021 and supplemented on 5 July 2021 for the establishment of an offshore wind farm in the marine area of Pärnumaa in the Gulf of Riga.

In accordance with the application, the proposed offshore wind farm will consist of up to 299 wind turbines with an approximate distance of 1 km between the turbines. The structure will be used for the production of electricity and/or hydrogen through offshore wind farm facilities. The proposed offshore wind farm will have a capacity of up to 5,980 megawatts (MW). The total initial construction area will be (under the wind turbines) 150,000 m², or 0.15 km², plus the construction area under the substation, the maximum encumbered area of public water to be requested is 301,008.373 m², or 301.01 km².

The application and the related documents have been registered in the public document registry of the Consumer Protection and Technical Regulatory Authority at <a href="https://jvis.ttja.ee/modules/dokumendiregister">https://jvis.ttja.ee/modules/dokumendiregister</a>, registration no. 16-7/21-02502.

The environmental impact assessment was initiated on the basis of clause 3 (1) 1), clause 6 (1) 5), subsections 11 (3), (8), and (11), subsection 12 (1), subsection 18 (7), and section 30 of the Environmental Impact Assessment and Environmental Management System Act and clause 219 (7) 2) of the Water Act. No procedures are merged in the environmental impact assessment and the proposed activities can be expected to have cross-border environmental effects. The need for further studies will be clarified during the preparation of the environmental impact assessment programme.

The developer is Utilitas OÜ (registry code 12205523, Harju County, Tallinn, Kesklinna district, Maakri st 19/1, 10145, e-mail: utilitas@utilitas.ee).

The decision is made by the Consumer Protection and Technical Regulatory Authority (contact person: Liina Roosimägi, e-mail: liina.roosimagi@ttja.ee, tel.: 667 2004).

The decision on the initiation of the procedure for the superficies licence and the environmental impact assessment may be inspected (with prior notice) during working days at the Consumer Protection and Technical Regulatory Authority offices at Endla 10a, Tallinn, or electronically in the

document registry at https://jvis.ttja.ee/modules/dokumendiregister, registration no. 1-7/21-521, https://jvis.ttja.ee/modules/dokumendiregister/view/666669.

Yours faithfully (signed digitally) Kati Tamtik Head of the Construction and Railways Department

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