

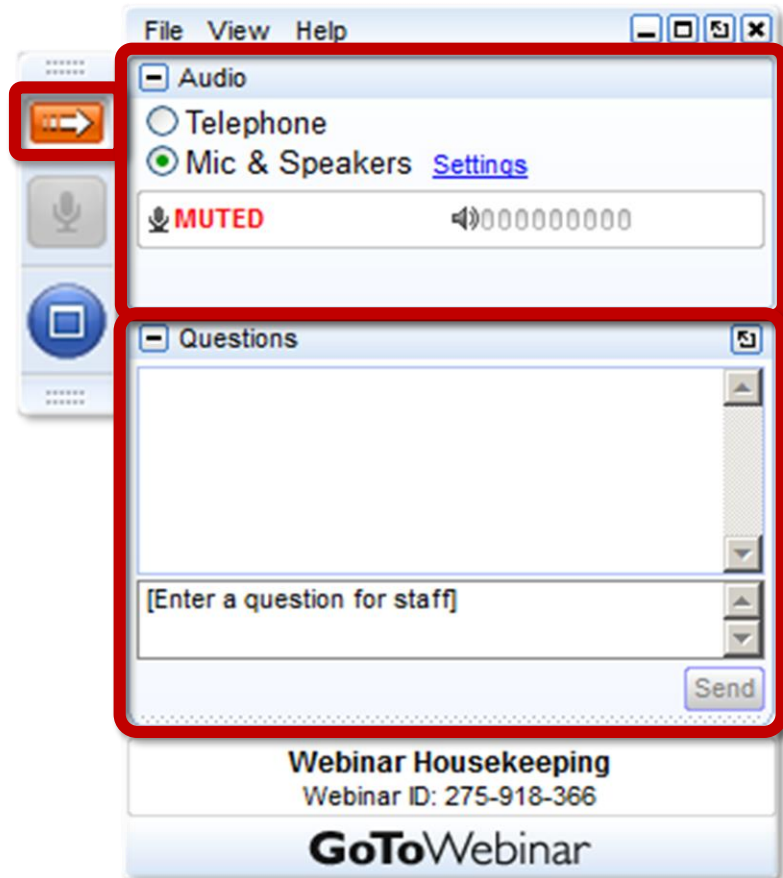


# Offshore Wind Transmission:

## Lessons from Germany and Regulatory Considerations for OSW Transmission in the U.S.

September 6, 2018

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# Integrating Offshore Wind to the grid

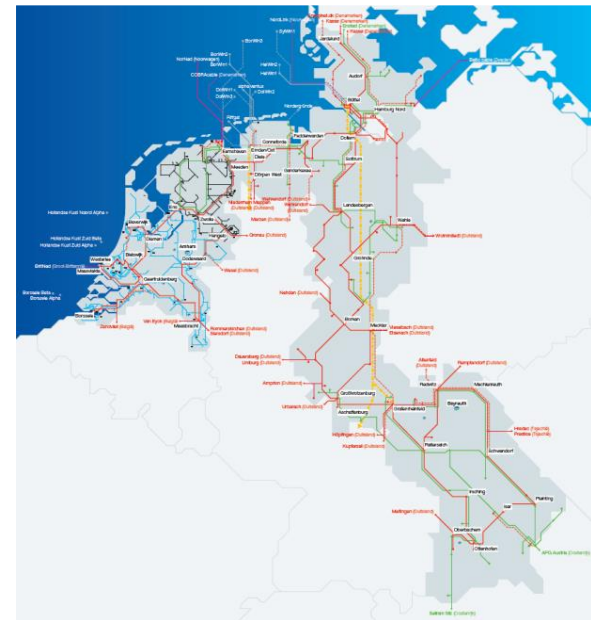
Experiences from *the*  
Offshore grid operator in Europe

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# Agenda

1. Who is TenneT?
2. Experiences of the offshore pioneer
3. Outlook
4. Lessons learned





# Two TSOs – One Company

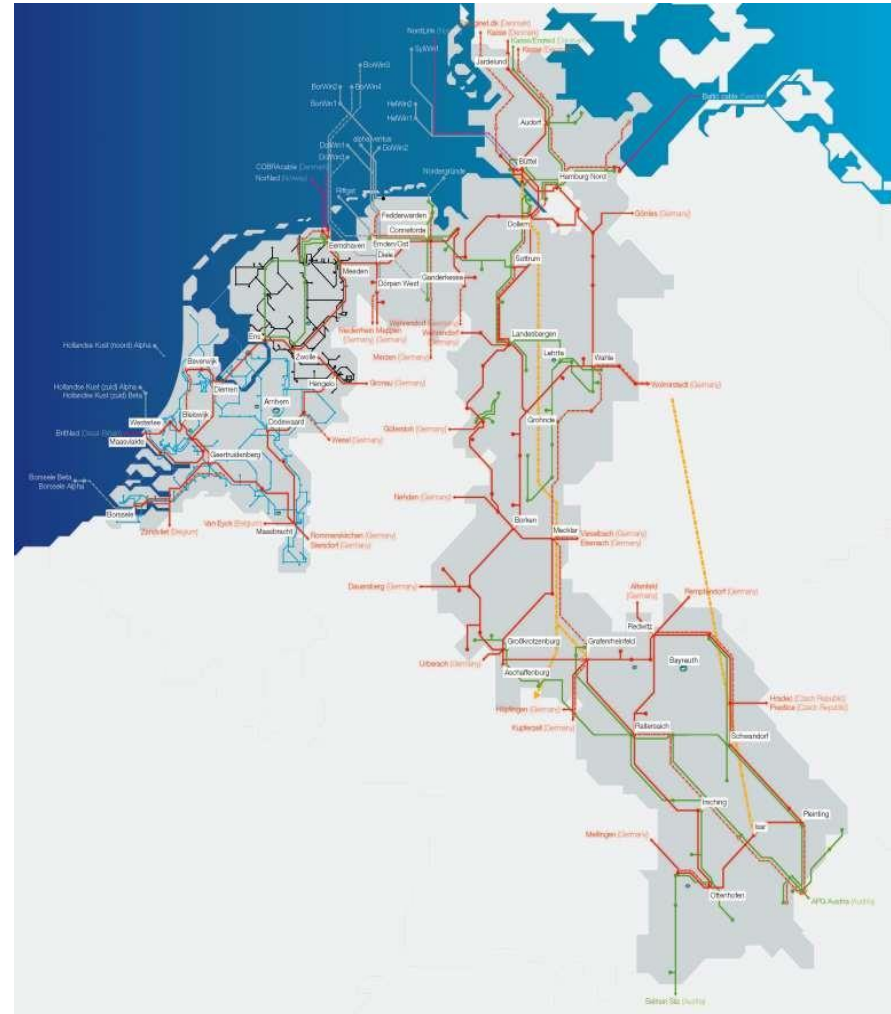


## Europe's first cross-border Transmission System Operator (TSO)

- We supply 41 million end users with electricity.
- Operation, maintenance and further development of (extra) high-voltage power grids in parts of Germany and the Netherlands.
- Statutory mandate for grid expansion and safe operation on- and offshore.

### TenneT

- Approx. 23,000 km total grid length
- 462 substations
- Approx. 4,000 employees (internal and external)
- Revenues € 3.948 bn. in grid business



# 2,000 km of coastline



TenneT - Integrating Offshore Wind to the grid





# Legal framework

## Germany

Since 2006, TenneT is legally obliged to connect the Offshore Wind generators in the German North Sea to the grid.

**§ 17d EnWG (German Energy Industry Act)**

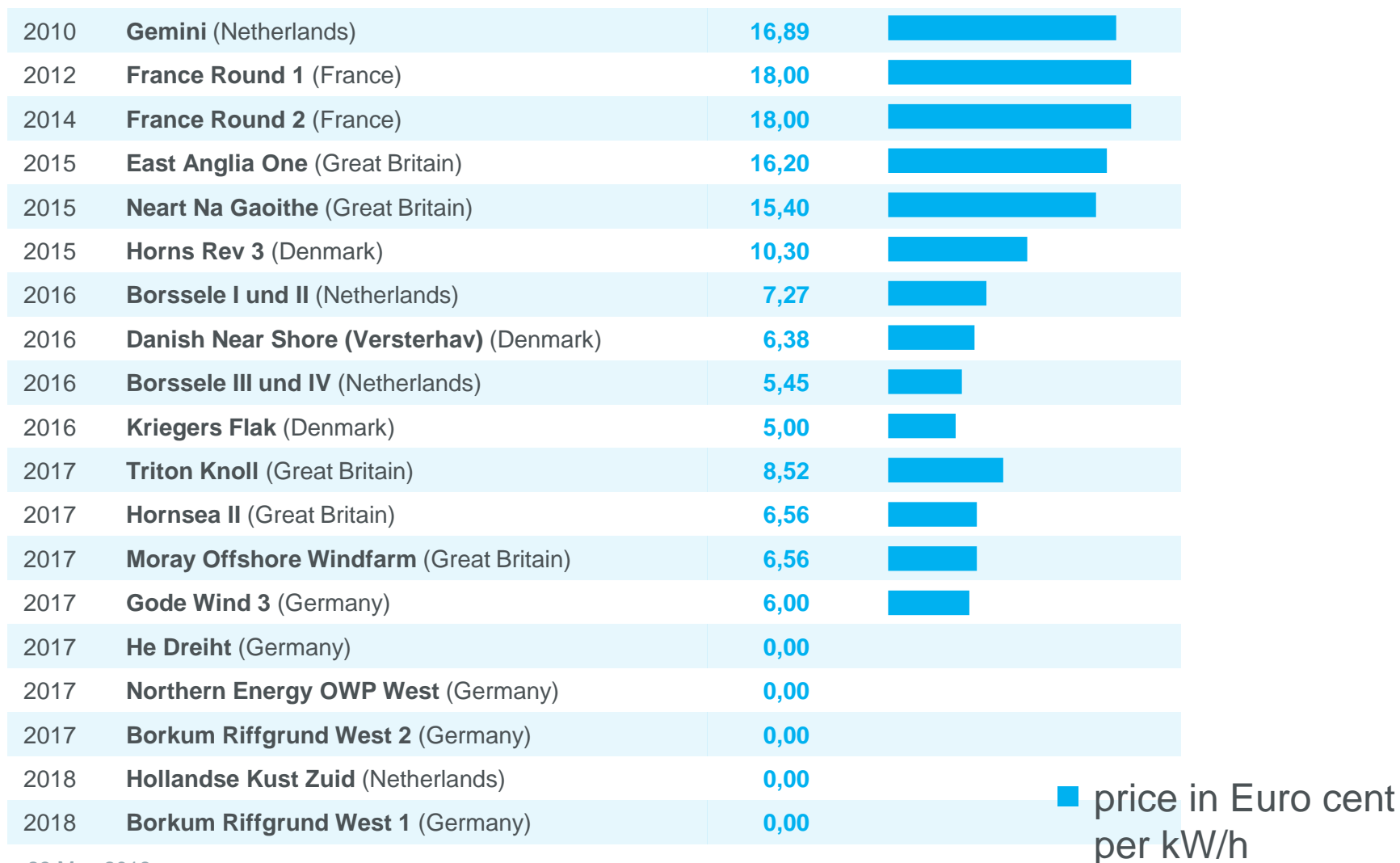
## The Netherlands

In 2016, the Dutch government formally appointed TenneT as the responsible party for developing and operating the Dutch offshore grid connections.

**Dutch Electricity and gas bill (STROOM)**



# Development of subsidies in the North Sea





# Experiences of the offshore pioneer





# TenneT's track record



## Germany

- 14 grid connections for Offshore Windfarms
- 11 HVDC connections, 3 AC connections
- 6.232 MW at present
- 8.032 MW until 2023
- NordLink: 1,400 MW (2020)

## The Netherlands

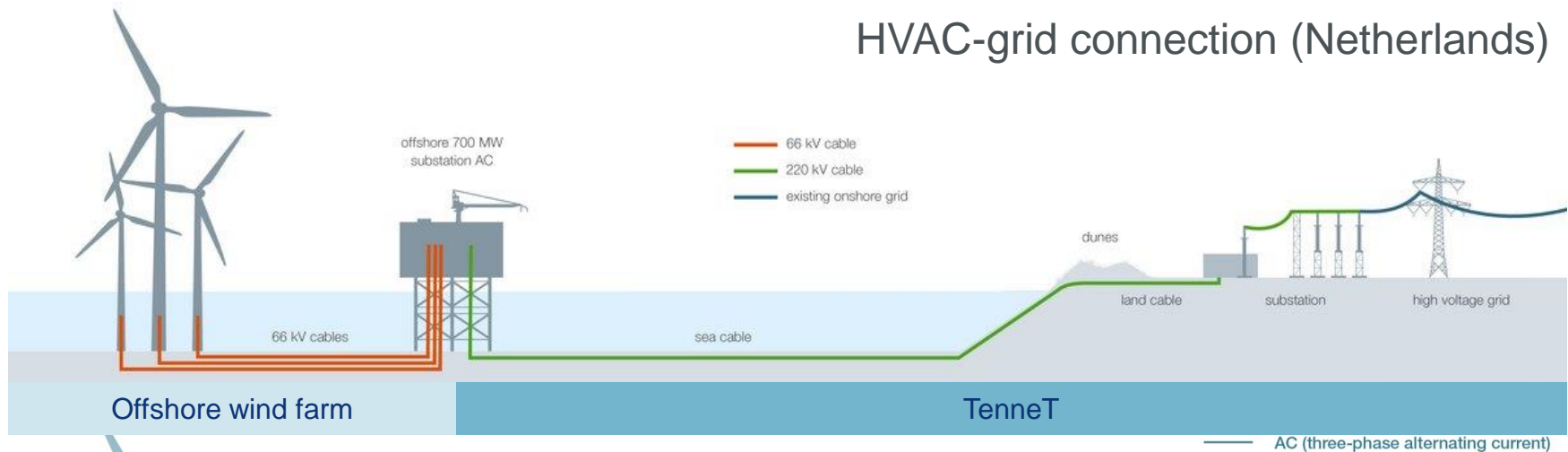
- 5 offshore grid connections
- 3.500 MW until 2023 (AC)
- additional 7 GW until 2030 (AC and HVDC)
- NorNed (2008): 700 MW
- BritNed (2011): 1,000 MW
- COBRA cable (2019): 700 MW



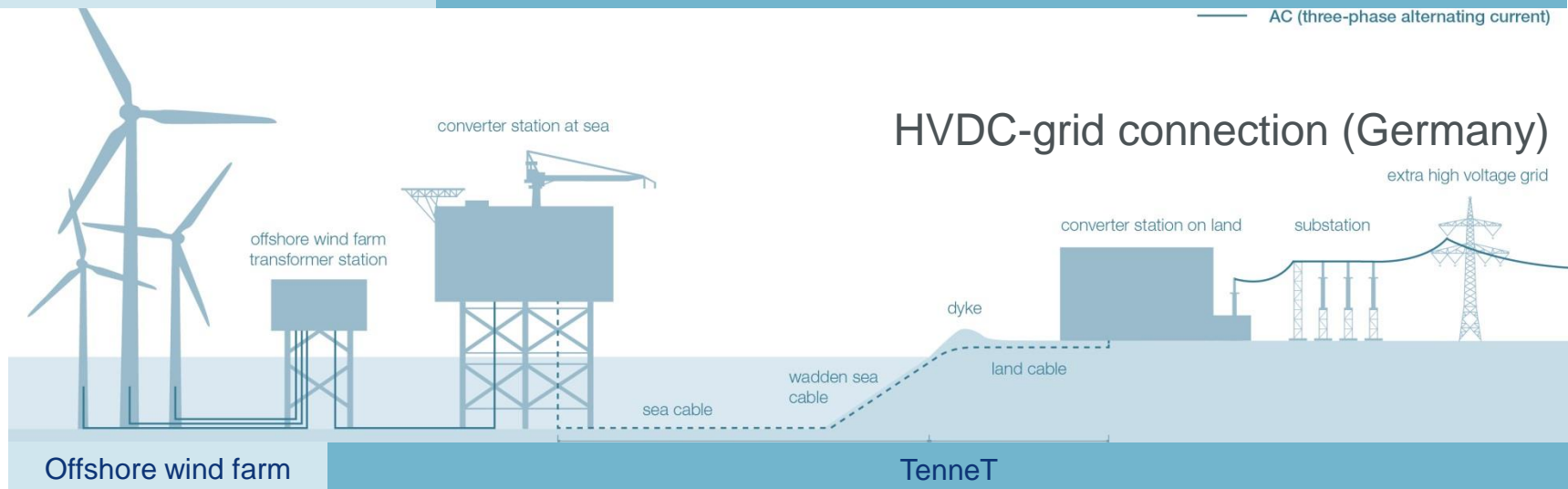
# Schematic of Offshore Grid Connections



## HVAC-grid connection (Netherlands)



## HVDC-grid connection (Germany)



# Benefits of the Dutch/German model

Reliability in a regulated environment

- **Bundled competence** for a reliable, coordinated and efficient expansion of the on- and offshore grid
- **Optimisation** of total expenditure
- **Minimisation** of environmental impact by maximum capacity export cables
- **Standardisation** of assets and processes
- **Enabling** level-playing field for competing offshore wind generation investors leading to low cost of energy
- **Coordinated** expansion of offshore wind with onshore grid
- **Optimum use** of transmission capacities and level of asset redundancy – connecting several offshore windfarm to one cable





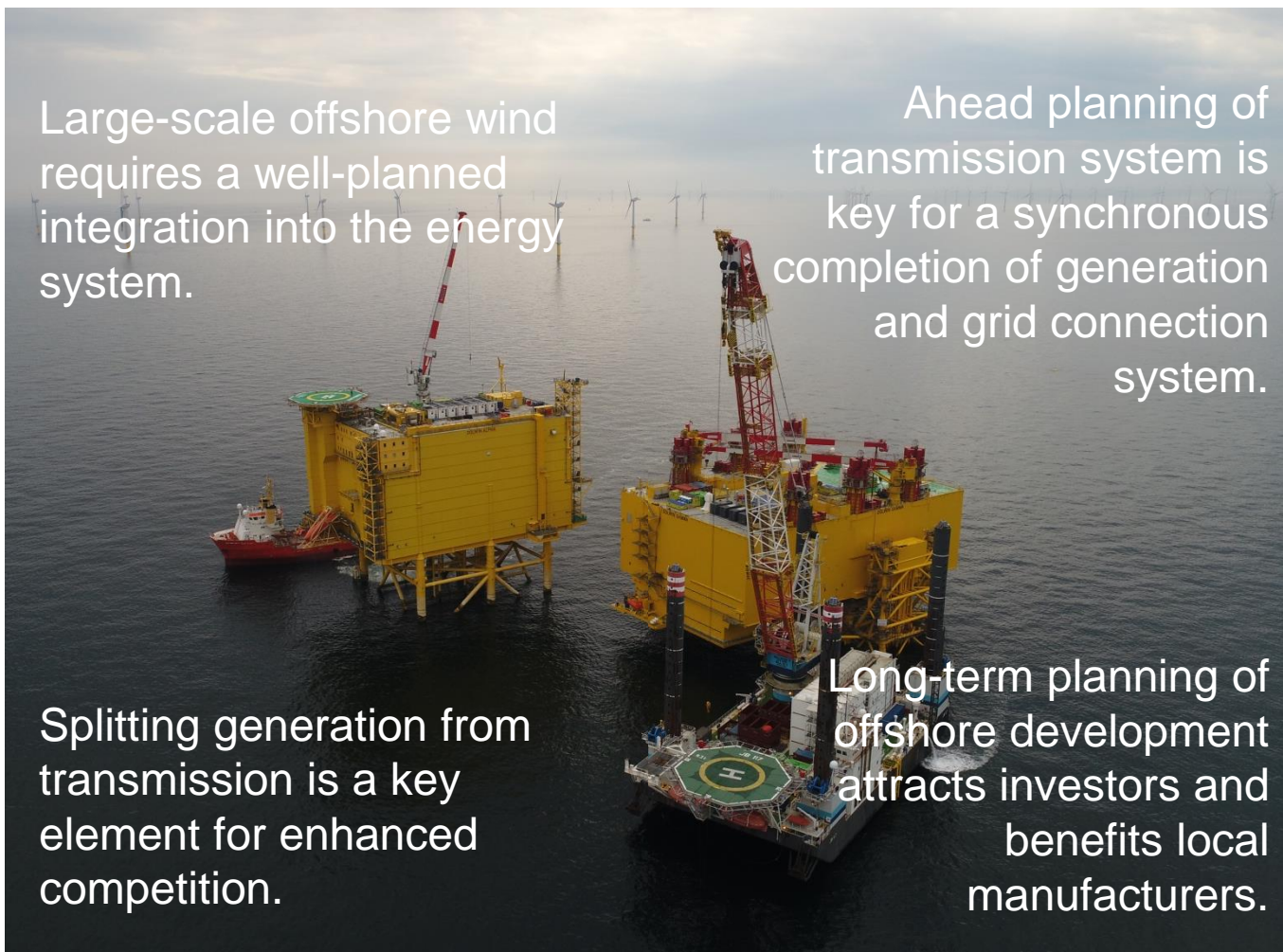
# Lessons learned from European offshore wind

Large-scale offshore wind requires a well-planned integration into the energy system.

Ahead planning of transmission system is key for a synchronous completion of generation and grid connection system.

Splitting generation from transmission is a key element for enhanced competition.

Long-term planning of offshore development attracts investors and benefits local manufacturers.



# REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS FOR OFFSHORE WIND TRANSMISSION IN THE UNITED STATES

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# KEY CONSIDERATIONS

- » Ownership Structure / Mechanisms
- » Cost Recovery
- » Allocation of Capacity / Open Access
- » RTO Interconnection Process
- » Coordination of Permitting / Construction
- » Allocation of Risk & Impact on Financing



# GENERATOR LEAD LINE

- » Current Model in State OSW Procurements
- » Bundled PPA Rates, based on Delivery of Energy
  - Low EDC risk, but potential for low transparency
- » FERC Order 807<sup>1</sup>: 5-Year Safe Harbor until Open Access
- » RTO Interconnection: Seamless for Developer
- » Ability to Coordinate Permitting / Construction
  - BOEM easement as part of Lease
  - Coordinated SAP, COP and NEPA review
  - Coordinated permitting / determination of cost & need

<sup>1</sup> *Open Access and Priority Rights on Interconnection Customer's Interconnection Facilities*, Order No. 807, 150 FERC ¶61,211 (2015), *reh'g denied*, 153 FERC ¶ 61,047 (2015)



# MERCHANT OWNERSHIP

- » Currently Not Part of State Procurements
- » Cost-Based, Participant-Funded Rate Recovery
- » Allocation of Capacity
  - FERC's *Chinook*<sup>2</sup> Four Factor Analysis and *Final Policy Statement on the Allocation of Capacity*<sup>3</sup> prior to OATT
- » RTO Interconnection as an ETU: A New Wrinkle?
- » Coordination of Permitting / Construction
  - Location, tie-in process, and points of receipt
  - Separate BOEM Right-of-Way and GAP: NEPA Review?
  - Separate permitting / determination of cost & need?
  - Coordination of In-Service Dates *not* a trivial issue

2 The four factors are: (1) justness and reasonableness of rates; (2) the potential for undue discrimination; (3) the potential for undue preference, including affiliate preference; and (4) regional reliability and operational efficiency requirements. *Chinook Power Transmission, LLC, et al.*, 126 FERC ¶ 61,134, at P. 37 (2009).

3 *Allocation of Capacity on New Merchant Transmission Projects and New, Cost Based, Participant Fund Transmission Projects*, 142 FERC ¶ 61,038 (2013)



# TRANSCO OWNERSHIP

» Beneficial Model that is Difficult to Implement

» Cost Recovery and Capacity Allocation

- “Socialized” Cost Recovery through RTO OATT
  - Either RTO Regional Transmission Plan or FERC Order 1000 “Public Policy Projects” Process<sup>4</sup>
  - Initial FPA Section 205 / 219 rate filings at FERC
- RTO OATT fully applicable

» Coordination of Initial Permitting / Construction

- Location, tie-in process, and points of receipt
- Separate BOEM ROW and General Activities Plan
- Separate NEPA review and State permitting processes
- Coordination of In-Service Dates *not* a trivial issue

<sup>4</sup> *Transmission Planning and Cost Allocation by Transmission Owning and Operating Public Utilities*, Order No. 1000, 76 FR 49842 (Aug. 11, 2011), FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,323 (2011), *order on reh’g*, Order No. 1000-A, 139 FERC ¶ 61,132 (2012), *order on reh’g and clarification*, Order No. 1000-B, 141 FERC ¶ 61,044 (2012)



# ALLOCATION OF RISKS / IMPACT ON FINANCING

## » Generator Lead Line

- Developer Takes All Risk
- *RESULT: Improves Ability for Project Financing*

## » Merchant Ownership

- Who are Counter-Parties, and Who bears Risk?
- *RESULT: Creates Challenges for Project Financing*

## » Transco Model

- Most Risks Ultimately are Socialized
- *RESULT: Likely Facilitates Project Financing*



# QUESTIONS?

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