

**Communication dated:
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from:

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addressed to:

**Bergamt Stralsund
(Mining Bureau, Stralsund)
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18439 Stralsund

**Offshore Windpark Arkona Becken Südost power connection
Response to the planned construction of the Nord Stream AG natural gas
pipeline through the Baltic in the context of the Plan Finalization
Procedure in accordance with Article 43 EnWG**

Dear Sirs,

AWE-Arkona-Windpark Entwicklungs-GmbH, a 100% subsidiary of E.ON Energy Projects GmbH, is planning construction of an offshore windpark with a total output of 1000 MW in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) of the Baltic, with an output of 400 MW in a pilot phase. Corresponding approval of the pilot phase has been granted by the *Bundesamt für Seeschifffahrt und Hydrographie* (BSH), date: March 15, 2006 (Reference: 5111/Arkona Becken Südost/Z 1103).

River and Waterways Police approval (German abbreviation: SSG) by the *Wasser- und Schifffahrtsamt* (Waterways and Shipping Board, German abbreviation: WSA), Stralsund, for installation and operation of three three-phase three-core cables (145 kV, each 200 MW) for our marine-cable route for power connection of our offshore windpark for the coastal waters and 12 nautical-mile zone territories was granted with effect from October 9, 2006 (see Annex). Two further marine cables are also to be installed for the subsequent final expansion phase of this project.

Examination of your documents concerning construction of the gas pipeline through the Baltic indicates that the gas pipeline will cross/be routed parallel to our planned marine cables for power connection of our windpark in the coastal zone. It is not apparent from the documents published precisely how Nord Stream AG envisages the implementation of this crossing point/parallel routing. Incorrect construction and/or operation of the pipeline and, in particular,

maintenance activities, could result in damage to our cables at and around the crossing point and the parallel-routing section.

For the purpose of representation of our interests, we hereby make reference within the specified period to the Nord Stream AG project and request invitation to the Scoping hearing on January 30, 2007, of which you have advised us.

It is also not at present apparent whether our marine-cable route will be affected where it runs beyond the coastal zone, i.e., in the continental shelf or EEZ territory. For this reason, we are obliged at this time to refrain from commenting concerning the approval procedures with respect to the continental shelf in accordance with Article 133, Para. 1, Nos. 1 and 2 BBergG (Federal German Mining Act) to yourselves and the BSH.

A copy of this letter will be sent in parallel to the BSH and the WSA (Waterways and Shipping Board) Stralsund.

We are, of course, at your disposal for any queries.

Yours faithfully

AWE-Arkona-Windpark Entwicklungs-GmbH

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Enclosures

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