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Dear Ms Sully,

EN010007 Wylfa Newydd Nuclear Power Station

Welsh Government (IP Number: 20011597) Deadline 8 Submission – 25 March 2019

1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 The Welsh Ministers (hereafter referred to as Welsh Government) formally registered on 10 August 2018 as an Interested Party to the Wylfa Newydd Nuclear Power Station Development Consent Order (DCO) Application, submitted by Horizon Nuclear Power (hereafter referred to as Horizon).
- 1.1.2 The purpose of this submission is to draw the Examining Authorities attention to three particular matters in respect of the need for an additional DCO Requirement, and concerns with the draft S106 Agreement.

2 Welsh Government Position on draft Development Consent Order (DCO)

HGV movements across Britannia Bridge

- 2.1.1 Through this Examination, Welsh Government have consistently highlighted their concerns relating to the flow of Wylfa Newydd construction traffic from the Isle of Anglesey to the Menai Mainland, via Britannia Bridge, during the morning peak hours [*most recently – Welsh Government's Deadline 7 submission, paragraph 6.1.2*]. The trunk road network, in particular the A55 and Britannia Bridge, is subject to daily congestion at peak times. Without appropriate control measures of empty heavy goods vehicles (HGV) leaving the Main Site in the morning hours, there is a risk that HGV traffic will exacerbate existing eastbound congestion on the trunk road network.
- 2.1.2 Horizon has committed to monitoring eastbound HGV movements across Britannia Bridge, this has been secured through the Wylfa Newydd Code of Construction Practice (WNC_oCP) [*REP5-020, Section 5*]. However, Welsh Government are not satisfied that this offers adequate protection to the trunk road network around Britannia Bridge.

Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

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Welsh Government, through dialogue with Horizon, have consistently requested a Requirement in the draft Development Consent Order (DCO) which restricts empty HGV heading eastbound in the morning peak across Britannia Bridge.

- 2.1.3 Horizon have indicated at Deadline 7 [Line 23, Table 2-1, Post Oral Hearing Summaries for Wednesday 06 March 2019] that there is no traffic impact evidence justifying a restriction on traffic movements eastbound over Britannia Bridge in the morning peak hours. Welsh Government do not agree with this position and maintain that a Requirement will be needed to protect the operation of the trunk road network around Britannia Bridge.
- 2.1.4 Given the length of time left in the Examination, Welsh Government wish to propose suggested wording below for inclusion within the DCO. This could be structured as a Grampian condition and limited in the event that no Third Menai Crossing has been built by that point. If (as currently planned) the Third Menai Crossing is constructed by 2023 then any such requirement would cease to have effect, and this is now very likely to be before the development commencing.
- 2.1.5 Welsh Government notes that there is a proposed Grampian requirement in relation to restricting traffic movements on the A5025 to avoid school times until such time as the offline A5025 works are complete. Therefore Welsh Government consider that it would be entirely consistent to take a similar approach in relation to Britannia Bridge.
- 2.1.6 Welsh Government therefore proposes the following wording for any Requirement captured as part of the DCO:

Until the Third Menai Crossing is operational no HGV's will be permitted to leave the Wylfa Newydd Development Area between the hours of 7am and 8:30am (Monday to Friday).

3 Welsh Government Position on draft S106 Agreement

Jobs and Skills Contribution

- 3.1.1 Welsh Government are expecting further information from Horizon on the Jobs and Skills Contribution [Schedule 4 of the draft S106 Agreement]. Upon receipt of this information, Welsh Government will comment on the adequacy of the information at Deadline 9.

Housing and Accommodation

- 3.1.2 Welsh Government has been in recent discussions with Isle of Anglesey County Council (IACC) and Horizon regarding the apportionment of the Housing Capacity Enhancement Fund. It is understood that the final draft S106 will now stipulate that 80% of the fund will be allocated to IACC, 10% will be allocated to Gwynedd Council, and the final 10% will be allocated through the WAMS Oversight Board to either IACC, Gwynedd, or both depending on the needs identified at that time.
- 3.1.3 Welsh Government has been made aware from IACC's submission at Deadline 6 that the Contingency Fund, identified by Horizon in REP5-050 as being £5m, has now been reduced to £1.5m. Welsh Government has called on Horizon and IACC to reconsider whether a contingency fund of £1.5m would be adequate, and have suggested that in order to meet the potential obligations that may draw on the contingency fund this should be increased to £3.5m. To date Welsh Government is not aware that this position has been amended.

3.1.4 Welsh Government may wish to make further comment on this matter at Deadline 9, once the final draft S106 has been submitted.

Yours sincerely,

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