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Dear Lyn

By email only

PROPOSED SOUTH HOOK COMBINED HEAT AND POWER PLANT – DRAFT GRID CONNECTION STATEMENT (MAY 2013)

Thank you for providing the Planning Inspectorate with a copy of the draft Grid Connection Statement (May 2013).

We have now reviewed the document and have set out comments below which may be helpful for the Examination stage of the Planning Act 2008 process should the application be accepted to progress to this stage. Please note that these comments are provided on a without prejudice basis. The comments are limited to the Grid Connection Statement and do not address the conclusions reached within the document. As these comments constitute section 51 advice under the Planning Act 2008 (as amended), they will be placed on the Planning Inspectorate's register of advice on the website.

Overall the document provides further clarity on the consenting process that would be required for a grid connection between the proposed South Hook CHP Plant and Pembroke substation, particularly at the new Section 2.3 'Consenting Requirements'.

It may however be helpful if, within the final document, further clarity was provided on the timescales associated with the delivery of the grid connection options, in particular the anticipated timescales associated if the connection was deemed to fall under the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995, the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and the Planning Act 2008.

Paragraph 7.2 of the Grid Connection Statement advises that '*further surveys, design work and analysis will be carried out in 2013 to confirm the routing of the grid connection options*', in this instance it may be helpful if it was clarified when these surveys are due to be undertaken. It may also aid clarity if paragraph 7.3 advised on the anticipated timescale for when the preferred grid connection option will be selected.

Clarity is also sought on the Illustrative Grid Connection Routes as indicated in Figure 1.1 'Illustrative Grid Connection Corridor' accompanying the Grid Connection Statement. In particular it would be helpful if it indicated whether both routes are being considered for the tunnelling and trenching options or whether one route represents the tunnelling option and the other the trenching option.

May we also take this opportunity to re-iterate comments provided by Hannah Pratt of the Planning Inspectorate's Environmental Services Team in her letter dated 29th April 2013. In particular Section 5 'In-combination assessment' highlights the need to consider the potential in-combination effects of the grid connection. Together with this we would encourage you to ensure that the comments of Natural Resources Wales in their letter dated 7th May 2013 are considered prior to submission.

I trust you find the above information to be helpful, however should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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