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Dear Mr McKerrow

PROGRESS POWER (GAS FIRED POWER STATION) ORDER 2015 – PROPOSED NON-MATERIAL CHANGE APPLICATION

Thank you for your e-mail of 11 July 2016 with two attachments on behalf of Progress Power Limited ("the Applicant"). It is noted that the attached documents consist of: i) a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet of the proposed consultees (highlighted in green) in respect of changes to the development consent order for the Progress Power Generating Station; and ii) separate advice on this matter from the Planning Inspectorate of 7 July 2016.

The Applicant has requested that the Secretary of State give written consent under regulation 7(3) of the Infrastructure Planning (Changes to, and Revocation of, Development Consent Orders) Regulations 2011 (as amended) ("the 2011 Regulations"), such that the Applicant does not need to consult those persons specified and highlighted in red in the spreadsheet, as it is not considered that they will be directly affected by them.

The Secretary of State has considered the request and agrees that, with the exception of Highways England (referred to incorrectly as the ‘Highways Agency’ in the spreadsheet), Breckland Council, Suffolk Coastal District Council, Waveney District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council (who it is noted are listed in the spreadsheet as a “relevant local authority” within the meaning given by section 102(5) of the Planning Act 2008), the Applicant does not need to consult directly with those persons specified and highlighted in red in spreadsheet, as they will not be directly affected by the changes being proposed. Accordingly, this letter is written consent under regulation 7(3) of the Infrastructure Planning (Changes to, and Revocation of, Development Consent Orders) Regulations 2011 such that consultation under regulation 7 of those persons specified is not required.

In taking this decision, the Secretary of State notes there will be public consultation on the proposals following submission of the application for non-material changes to the Order in line with the requirements in regulation 20 of the 2011 Regulations.
Finally, the Secretary of State’s consent in this matter should not be taken as indicating approval for any other aspects of the proposed changes to the Progress Power Generating Station which fall to the Secretary of State for consideration and determination.

Yours sincerely,

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