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D2RWQ1.01 Applicant's comments on responses to Examining Authority's First Written Questions

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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This document contains the applicant's comments on the interested parties' responses to the Examining Authority (ExA) first written questions that were submitted to the ExA on 15 January 2015 (Deadline 1). These comments are provided to assist the ExA and interested parties in understanding the position of the applicant.
- 1.2 This document does not reiterate points which have already been made by the applicant in its own responses to the ExA's questions, but provides cross references to the appropriate document where relevant. Where the applicant has not commented on a response by an interested party, this is because the applicant considers that no comments are necessary or that it has already responded to the point(s) in separate documents that the applicant has previously submitted to the ExA.

2.0 Applicant's Comments

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council (NPTCBC)

Question 4.20

- 2.1 The applicant has amended Requirement 10 (code of construction practice) as suggested by the Council. See the revised version of the DCO (Revision 1, February 2015).

Question 5.25

- 2.2 The applicant welcomes the Council's confirmation that it is satisfied that the provisions of Requirement 11(1)(a) are sufficient to control noise and vibration. The applicant notes that paragraph 7.4.14 of the Council's Local Impact Report requests that this requirement be amended to provide that the noise management plan that must be submitted for approval under 11(1)(a) must include a piling method statement. The applicant has confirmed in its comments on the Local Impact Report that it has amended this requirement as requested. See the applicant's comments on the Local Impact Report.

Question 5.28

- 2.3 See the applicant's comments on paragraph 7.4.10 of NPTCBC's Local Impact Report.

Question 5.59

- 2.4 In response to the Council's comments the applicant has amended Requirement 8(3) (archaeology) to provide that any archaeological works or watching brief carried out under the approved scheme must be carried out by an organisation registered with the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIfA) or a CIfA member. See Revision 1 of the draft DCO.

Western Power Distribution (WPD)

Question 3.05

- 2.5 The applicant agrees that any works required between WPD's 66kV busbars at the Grange and Cefn Gwrgan substations are the responsibility of the applicant. The applicant is seeking authorisation within the DCO for these works, which form part of Work No. 2.

Associated British Ports (ABP)

Question 5.41

- 2.6 Please see the applicant's comments on ABP's written representation. These explain the ongoing discussions that are taking place between the applicant and ABP and the proposal to include protective provisions within the DCO to ensure that the applicant's water abstraction requirements will not detrimentally impact upon the operational requirements of the Port Talbot Dock.
- 2.7 As noted by ABP, the applicant is seeking to enter into a Statement of Common Ground with ABP which will confirm the parties' respective positions on these issues.