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Annwyl Syr/Madam / Dear Sir/Madam

ABERGELLI POWER LIMITED: PROPOSED GAS FIRED POWER PLANT AT LAND ADJACENT TO THE FELINDRE GAS COMPRESSOR STATION AT ABERGELLI FARM, FELINDRE, SWANSEA, SA5 7NN

DEADLINE 5 COMMENTS

In accordance with the programme set by the Examining Authority (ExA), we have reviewed the Deadline 4 submissions published on the 7 February 2019.

We note within the submitted document '*Applicant's Responses to the Examining Authority's Further Written Questions*' by Abergelli Power under section 2.7.4. 'Wildlife Crossings' that the applicant now rules out the use of any protected species crossing provisions over the watercourses. We draw the applicant's attention to NRW's Written Representation letter dated 9 November 2018, under section 1.3, where we advised that "*Details on any culverting and re-routing of watercourses, and riparian habitat retention/reinstatement will be required, as well as the measures that will be put in place to ensure that protected species can continue to move along the watercourses. These should be provided within the appropriate DCO Requirements.*"

We would therefore welcome further discussion with the applicant on this topic and also require full justification as to why crossing provisions for protected species have now been ruled out.

We have no additional comments to make at this current time on the remainder of the submission.

I hope the above comments are helpful; please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Yn eiddoch yn gywir / Yours faithfully

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