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Dear Mr Johansson,

EN010082 – THE TEES COMBINED CYCLE POWER PLANT ('CCPP') – SITE OF THE FORMER TEESIDE POWER STATION, GREYSTONE ROAD, GRANGETOWN, TEESIDE, TS6 8JF

THE PLANNING ACT 2008 (AS AMENDED) – SECTION 51 'ADVICE FOR POTENTIAL APPLICANTS AND OTHERS'

We write in respect of the Tees Combined Power Plant (the 'Project') and the Secretary of State's Section 51 advice dated 18 December 2017. The advice was issued following the decision (also 18 December 2017) to accept the application (the 'Application') for examination.

To assist the Examining Authority in preparing for the Preliminary Meeting, we have provided a response in the remainder of this letter to the matters raised within the Section 51 advice.

Plans and drawings

Works Plan (Application Document 4.3) Sheet 1: a description has been provided for Works No.2A. Two hard copies of the updated plan are enclosed at **Annex 1** to this letter. Two electronic copies are also enclosed.

Works Plan (Application Document 4.5) Sheet 3: a scale bar has been added. Three hard copies of the updated plan are enclosed at **Annex 2** to this letter. Two electronic copies are also enclosed.

Application Documents 4.12 and 4.13: these plans have been updated to an Ordnance Survey base. Two hard copies of the updated plan are enclosed at **Annex 3** to this letter. Two electronic copies are also enclosed.

Section 42(1)(a) persons

The Section 51 advice states that the following 'potentially relevant' parties were not consulted at the pre-application stage:

- Southern Gas Networks Plc



- Utility Distribution Networks Ltd

It is notable that we consulted Scottish Gas Networks as part of our pre-application consultation, who form part of the 'SGN' group of companies. Notwithstanding this, we can confirm that a Section 56 notification was sent to Southern Gas Networks as a precautionary measure on 5 January 2018.

We also sent Utility Distribution Networks Ltd a Section 56 notification on 5 January 2018. Furthermore, we sent the following, additional parties a Section 56 notification on 5 January 2018:

- Murphy Power Distribution Limited
- Vattenfall Network Limited

The above companies were granted electricity licenses on 6 November 2017 – after our pre-application consultation was completed. Sending the notifications on 5 January 2018 allowed in excess of the required 28 days to the deadline for comment on 9 February 2018.

All notifications were sent by Royal Mail Special Delivery.

Section 55 checklist

For the avoidance of doubt, matters from the Section 55 checklist were not included in the Section 51 advice. Notwithstanding this, we have addressed the comments relating to the Environmental Statement ('ES') and the Existing Access Plan (Application Document: 4.4) – see below.

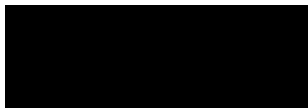
We can confirm that the Tees Estuary (South Bank) is the closest WFD surface waterbody to the Application Site. In relation to groundwater WFD waterbodies, we can confirm that the superficial geology at and around the Application Site is clay and the bedrock is mudstone; therefore, the waterbodies are not aquifers and should not be defined under the WFD.

We have revised Chapter 11 of the ES (Application Document: 6.2.1). The referencing in the chapter is now in the correct numerical order. Two hard copies of the updated parts of the ES are included at **Annex 4**. Two electronic copies are also enclosed.

We have also reviewed the Existing Access Plan (Application Document: 4.4) and can confirm that the private road is in our ownership.

Please do not hesitate to contact Scott Taylor (scott.taylor@sembcorp.com) should you have any queries regarding the contents of this letter.

Yours sincerely



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Annex 1 – Works Plan (Application Document 4.3) Sheet 1 (updated)

Annex2 – Works Plan (Application Document 4.5) Sheet 3 (updated)

Annex 3 – Application Documents 4.12 and 4.13 (updated)

Annex 4 – Updated ES documents

