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Dear Mr Jones,

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Planning Act 2008 (as amended)

Application by EDF Energy (Thermal Generation) Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the West Burton C power station – Examination – Applicant's Response to Deadline 1

On behalf of EDF Energy (Thermal Generation) Limited, please find enclosed the Applicant's responses and information pursuant to Deadline 1, in accordance with the Rule 8 Letter, dated 6 November 2019.

Deadline 1 submissions

The documents submitted in support of the Applicant's submission to Deadline 1 is as follows:

- 1. the Applicant's cover letter (i.e. this document) (**Document 8.1**);
- an updated Document List including all documentation submitted since the Application was submitted (Document 1.3A);
- the Applicant's Comments on the Relevant Representations and any Additional Submissions (Document
 8.2);
- 4. the Applicant's proposed itinerary for the Accompanied Site Visit, including the Applicant's suggested route (**Document 8.3**);
- 5. Statement of Commonality for the Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) (Document 8.4);
- 6. the following agreed SoCG:
 - a. Marine Management Organisation (Document 8.5)



- b. Natural England (Document 8.6)
- c. Historic England (Document 8.7)
- d. Lincolnshire County Council (Document 8.8)
- e. West Lindsey District Council (Document 8.9)
- f. Nottinghamshire County Council (Document 8.10)
- g. National Grid (Document 8.11)
- h. Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board (Document 8.12)
- i. Environment Agency (Document 8.13)
- 7. updated Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment figures in respect of Viewpoint 13 (**Document 8.14**), comprising:
 - a. Figure 10.1 Revision 1
 - b. Figure 10.5 Revision 1
 - c. Figure 10.18 Revision 1
 - d. Figure 10.18A Revision 0
- 8. Landscaping and Biodiversity Management and Enhancement Plan (tracked) (Document 7.5A); and
- 9. Landscaping and Biodiversity Management and Enhancement Plan (clean) (Document 7.5B).

Statement of Commonality

The Statement of Commonality provides an explanation of the status of the SoCG, together with a summary of the principal issues covered in each SoCG. It seeks to demonstrate where there is commonality in the topics or matters covered.

<u>Updated Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment figures: Viewpoint 13</u>

In the notes of the unaccompanied site inspection on 25th September (EV-003), the Examining Authority (ExA) raised that the location of Viewpoint 13 does not correspond with the associated photograph. The Applicant notes that the ExA is correct in that the location of Viewpoint 13 is further north along the footpath (the 'North Leverton with Habblesthorpe BOAT15'), close to the intersect of two other footpaths (the 'North Leverton with Habblesthorpe BOAT11' and the 'North Leverton with Habblesthorpe BOAT14').

The assessment presented in APP-039 (ES Volume I, Chapter 10: Landscape and Visual Amenity) is representative of Viewpoint 13 (shown on Figure 10.18 – Revision 1). As explained above, the viewpoint location was positioned slightly further north from the originally agreed location (VP13a shown on Figure 10.18 – Revision 1). This provided a worst-case assessment, given the lack of visibility at VP13a of the Proposed Development. For completeness, an updated Figure 10.1 – Revision 1 and Figure 10.5 – Revision 1 are included in this submission.

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The conclusions of the Landscape and Visual Amenity Assessment presented in APP-039 are not changed.

Landscape and Biodiversity Management and Enhancement Plan

The Landscaping and Biodiversity Management and Enhancement Plan (APP-139) has been updated to include reference to a botanical survey of Area 5 (para 5.2.21), requested by Nottinghamshire County Council through the SoCG process. Both a tracked and clean version of the Landscape and Biodiversity Management and Enhancement

Plan (Document 7.5A and Document 7.5B respectively) are submitted as part of Deadline 1.

Examination Hearings

The Applicant acknowledges the hearings scheduled for week commencing 20th January 2020 and notes that there is a legal duty to allow at least 21 days' notice of the hearings (by 16th December 2019 to take account of bank

holidays).

The Applicant confirms that it will attend all hearings, if held. Attendees provisionally identified to attend the hearings include:

Elizabeth Dunn (Partner, Burges Salmon LLP)

• Richard Lowe (Director of Power and Industrial Consent, AECOM)

• Brian Sibthorp (Director of Thermal Power Plant, WSP)

Jeremy Bush (Head of Business Development, EDF Energy)

• Peter Smith (Project Development Manager, EDF Energy)

In addition to the above, there will be a range of team members and other representatives of the Applicant who will

be at all hearings to support the above Project Team leads.

Notification of wish to attend the Accompanied Site Inspection

The Applicant confirms that two members of the Applicant's team will attend the Accompanied Site Visit, which is scheduled to take place during week commencing 20th January 2020. I can confirm these will be Richard Lowe and

Peter Smith.

Taking Matters Forward

I would be grateful if you would confirm receipt of the enclosed documentation and above information. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Emma Wreathall (emma.wreathall@quod.com) should there be any queries.

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Yours sincerely,



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Encs. As above