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Subject: RE: Further NMC to The Thurrock Flexible Generation Plant Development Consent Order 2022

Hi William,

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We have reviewed the spreadsheet of proposed consultees and I can confirm that we are happy with the proposed restricted list of consultees.

Kind regards,
James

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Hi Kerry

In hope you have had a good start to the year.

[REDACTED] but do you think you'd be able to come back to us on this at some stage before COB Friday 19th?

Thanks

Will

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Hi Will,

Thank you for your email, I can confirm safe receipt.

We will consider the details you have set out below and revert in due course.

Please note our team inbox email address is: energyinfrastructureplanning@energysecurity.gov.uk

Best wishes,

Kerry

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Hi Both

I hope you are well. We are looking to make another non-material change (NMC) to our DCO at Thurrock. We are more than happy to set up a meeting (either in person or virtually) to talk anything through if you would like in the new year. In the meantime, please accept this email as a formal request for the Secretary of State's consent for a limited consultation exercise for this NMC.

Proposed NMC

Currently, work no. 1A of the authorised development in Schedule 1 of the DCO (page 29 of the link here <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010092/EN010092-001668-Thurrock%20FGP%20Development%20Consent%20Order%20FOR%20PINS.pdf>) allows for a "Gas fired electricity generating station with a gross rated electrical output of up to 620MW consisting of" a list of equipment. This list includes at paragraph (b), "up to 48 gas reciprocating engines".

The current DCO therefore assumes that the 620MW gross rated electrical output (which translates to around 600MW of net rated electrical output) will be delivered by 48 engines of up to 12.5MW each or fewer engines of a higher output per engine.

We would like to submit an NMC to increase the maximum number of engines to "up to 100". This is to cater for flexibility in procuring different engine sizes through the various phases of the gas element of this DCO development. In the same way as the total MW output of the gas element of the site could be delivered with fewer than 48 engines, it could also be delivered with a larger number of smaller engines, or a combination of large and small engines. To be clear, the gross rated output of 620MW would remain unaffected, as would the net rated output of 600MW.

The NMC would therefore be entirely limited to replacing the number "48" to with the number "100" in the definition of work no. 1A(b) only. Change shown in track below:

"(b) up to ~~48~~ 100 gas reciprocating engines;"

No amendments are required elsewhere in the DCO, including to the works plans, land plans or the parameters for built infrastructure.

Scope of Consultation for NMC

The relevant regulations for DCO changes allow for a limited consultation exercise for an NMC. Paragraph 32 of the government's guidance on this is:

“The regulations also provide that an applicant need not consult a person or authority specified in the regulations if they have the written consent of the Secretary of State not to do so. Any such requests should be sent in writing to the Planning Inspectorate well in advance of consultation starting and should set out clearly who it is proposed not to consult and the reason for this. Requests will be considered on a case by case basis, but applicants should note that requests seeking a total exemption from the need to consult are unlikely to be accepted.”

Essentially, if more than 48 engines and up to 100 engines are deployed as a result of this NMC, there would be more engines within the engine houses than originally consented. However, there would be no impact on the external appearance or other parameters relating to the gas element of the DCO and the gas element would remain subject to: a) the overall 620MW gross rated output limit; b) the requirements and other controls within the DCO; and (c) and the environmental permit required for the plant to operate.

On that basis, no updates are required to the environmental statement, habitats regulations assessment or compulsory acquisition powers. There would be no changes in impacts on local businesses and residents either.

Our view is the very limited nature of this change could feasibly warrant a total exemption from the need to consult. However, given the guidance discourages such an approach, and in the interests of proper planning, we propose to consult the same parties as we agreed with DESNZ (formerly BEIS) to consult for our previous NMC (made on 7 March 2023 and named *The Thurrock Flexible Generation Plant Consent (Amendment) Order 2023*).

We attach a spreadsheet list. Tab 1 contains those parties we intend to consult and tab 2 contains a list of consultees from the original DCO application that we do not propose to consult.

We look forward to progressing this in the new year. In the meantime, have a good festive season.

Kind Regards

Will

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