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Hi Caroline,

I am writing on behalf of both the Applicant and Harbour Energy Limited (“Harbour”) (cc’d) in response to agenda item 5 of ISH7 and also agenda item 3.1 of ISH9. The question has been asked as to whether Protective Provisions should be included in the draft DCO for Harbour Energy (ISH7 item 5) and an update on progress has been requested on the joint statements between the parties (ISH9 item 3.1)

The Applicant and Harbour have successfully collaborated for more than two years and are pleased to confirm that considerable progress has been made. The Parties are in the process of finalising the terms of a coexistence agreement and are confident, as stated in previous submissions, of completing the coexistence agreement before the end of the Examination.

Notwithstanding the optimism shared by the Applicant and Harbour of reaching agreement, we recognise that the Examiners will need to understand the position if confirmation of agreement cannot be provided before the end of the Examination. It is therefore the intention of the Applicant and Harbour to submit their preferred set of Protective Provisions at Deadline 6 together with an explanatory note as to the content of the Protective Provisions.

We hope however that this statement is sufficient to answer the questions posed for the purposes of ISH7 and ISH9 in which case Harbour would dispense with attendance at both hearings. We would be grateful if the Examiners could provide some guidance as to whether they need Harbour to fully participate either prior to or on commencement of ISH7 on Monday.

Best regards,

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