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Dear Sir

Application by Net Zero Teesside Power Limited and Net Zero North Sea Storage Limited ("the Applicants") for an Order granting Development Consent for the proposed Net Zero Teesside project ("the proposed Development")

Response to the Secretary of State's letter dated 23 August 2023

In response to the Secretary of State's letter of 23 August 2023, STDC submits the following update for the Secretary of State's consideration:

1. The Applicant and STDC have entered into an option agreement for the main site, as confirmed in the letter of 5 May 2023. As a result of this agreement, STDC withdrew its objections to the Project insofar as they relate to electrical connections as detailed in the aforementioned letter.
2. The parties are yet to reach a formal agreement on (i) protective provisions; or (ii) property agreements for easements required for the installation of the Applicant's bespoke apparatus (including CO₂, natural gas, nitrogen, untreated water effluent and treated water effluent pipelines, electricity interconnector cables and fibre optic cables) which are not covered by the main site agreement. As of writing, STDC still awaits draft agreements from the Applicants, a matter it raised several times during the examination period.
3. STDC maintains all other objections and representations set out in its Final Summary of Outstanding Objections and Closing Submissions [REP 12-66]. STDC also maintains the comments on the Applicants' change request dated 27 April 2023 as detailed in the letter of 5 May 2023.
4. STDC's preferred protective provisions remain those uploaded to the Planning Inspectorate's website in clean and tracked changes format on 17 November 2022.¹ STDC invites the Secretary

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of State to adopt its preferred protective provisions in the Order, should the Secretary of State choose to make the Order.

Yours faithfully

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¹ STDC: Additional submission – additional submission accepted at the discretion of the Examining Authority – Preferred Protective provisions – Tracked (17.11.2022); available at <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010103/EN010103-002673-STDC%20-%20Preferred%20PPs%20End%20of%20Examination%20TRACK%20-%2010%20Nov%202022.pdf>