

National Grid Carbon Limited (NGC) can confirm that discussions are on-going with the Applicant regarding protective provisions. NGC provided draft protective provisions which it requested to be included in schedule 10 to the draft DCO shortly after Deadline 4. A copy of these protective provisions, together with a briefing note explaining the scope and purpose of each provision, is provided with this submission. Initial comments have been provided but a detailed response to the draft is now awaited from the Applicant. The parties remain willing to work together to reach an agreed position before the end of the examination and further discussions are scheduled in this regard. An update as to progress will be provided at Deadline 6, both as to matters agreed and matters subject to ongoing discussion at that time.