

Dear Sir/Madam,

We act on behalf of National Grid Carbon Limited (NGCL) whose unique Interested Party reference number is 20032281. As requested by the Examining Authority in its request for further information dated 6 June 2023 under Rule 17 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010, please see below responses to questions which were addressed to NGCL:

R17QA.2

At ISH1 it was stated that an application for the Humber Low Carbon Pipelines Development was expected to be submitted by NGCL mid-2023. Given the recent decision by NGCL to leave the NEP, please provide an update on anticipated timescales for submission as a

result.

NGCL's response

The timescales for submission of he HLCP project application are necessarily contingent upon the outcome of ongoing commercial discussions between NGCL and NEP partners regarding the sale of the project. At the current time, therefore, NGCL is unable to provide an update on anticipated timescales for submission of the HLCP DCO application. Subject to the successful completion of commercial discussions, the timescales for delivery of the HLCP proposals would be determined by NEP partners, including bp as the proposed operator of he end to end transport and storage system.

R17QA.3

Please provide the ExA with an explanation of why you consider Protective Provisions and an SoCG with NGCL is still necessary. NGCL's response

NGCL's justification for seeking protective provisions in the Drax BECCS Development Consent Order is set out at ref. 4.1.7 of Table 4.1 to he Statement of Common Ground between the Applicant and NGCL, which is to be submitted by the Applicant to the Examining Authority at Deadline 8.

I hope that these submissions are of assistance and would be very grateful if you could acknowledge safe receipt.

Kind regards

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