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Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero and Head of Energy Infrastructure Planning
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Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

Sent by post and by Email to: heckingtonfensolar@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

Dear Mr Miliband and Mr Wheadon

5th August 2024

Heckington Fen Solar Park Development Consent Order (application reference: EN010123)

Ecotricity (Heck Fen Solar) Limited (the “Applicant”)

Applicant Request to Secretary of State

Following our submission on 21 June 2024 we write to politely request that the Secretary of State grant an extension to the 9 August 2024 deadline to allow negotiations with the landowners on the cable route to the Bicker Fen substation to continue.

We would be grateful if this extension could be for 5 months, taking us to 6 January 2025 please. We feel it is important to request this extension to ensure the permissions can be obtained prior to a decision being made on the project. We confirm that negotiations are continuing, however they are complex and require sufficient time to ensure the legal agreements can be finalised.

We look forward to your response on this matter,

Yours sincerely,



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