

## APPENDIX B: EVENTS IN THE EXAMINATION

The table below lists the main events that occurred during the Examination and the procedural decisions taken by the Examining authority (ExA).

Date	Examination Event
<b>19 January 2015</b>	<b>Preliminary Meeting</b> and Examination begins
<b>29 January 2015</b>	Issue by ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Examination timetable</li> <li>• ExA's first written questions</li> </ul>
<b>4 February 2015</b>	<b>DEADLINE 1</b>  Deadline for receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notification of wish by an Interested Party to be heard at an open floor hearing</li> <li>• Notification from Statutory Parties, or a local authority without direct responsibility in the proposed development area, of a wish to be considered an Interested Party</li> </ul>
<b>10 February 2015</b>	Advertisement by the Applicant of the Revised Construction Programme as set out in the Environmental Statement Sensitivity Test (ESST) documentation submitted on 1 October 2014 on a non-statutory basis but in the same manner as under Regulation 17 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009 (as amended)
<b>13 February 2015</b>	Issue by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notification of date, time and place of the open floor hearings</li> </ul>
<b>26 February 2015</b>	<b>DEADLINE 2</b>  Deadline for receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comments on relevant representations (RRs)</li> <li>• Summaries of all RR's exceeding 1,500 words</li> <li>• Written representations (WRs) by all Interested Parties</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summaries of all WRs exceeding 1,500 words</li> <li>• Local Impact Report (LIR) from any local authorities</li> <li>• Statements of Common Ground requested by ExA</li> <li>• Comments on the Applicant's updated and new documents submitted on 22 January 2015</li> <li>• Responses to ExA's first written questions</li> <li>• Applicant's updated HRA Matrices</li> <li>• Any other updated documents from Interested Parties (including corrections and omissions from the Applicant)</li> <li>• Notification by an affected person of wish to be heard at a compulsory acquisition hearing</li> <li>• Revised draft Development Consent Order (DCO) from the Applicant</li> <li>• Draft s106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) (s106) and other agreements</li> <li>• Submission of the Annex requested by the ExA bringing together all mitigation needs</li> <li>• Submission of the schedule and information requested by the Panel in relation to Crown Land and interests including how the Applicant intends to comply with s135 PA2008<sup>1</sup></li> <li>• Submission of the schedules and information requested by the ExA in relation to Statutory Undertakers' land and special category land and extinguishment of rights and removal of apparatus of Statutory Undertakers etc including how the Applicant intends to satisfy s127, s132 and s138 PA2008</li> <li>• Notification of wish to be heard at the issue specific hearings</li> <li>• Submissions on ExA's site inspection locations suggested in the Rule 8 letter, including nominations for additional locations to be inspected during site inspections and the features to be observed there, with reasons for each nomination</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> The Planning Act 2008 (as amended)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submissions on the significance of the impacts of the Applicant's Revised Construction Programme put forward in the ESST documents dated 1 October 2014 and whether it amounts to a change to the application and, if so, whether it can still be considered under the existing application</li> </ul>
<b>12 March 2015</b>	<p>Issue by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notification of the ExA's procedural decision to accept Applicant's Revised Construction Programme put forward in the ESST documents dated 1 October 2014</li> <li>• Notification of the ExA's procedural decision to accept the Applicant's proposed changes to the application to allow a minor route realignment to the overhead line proposed at Kings Weston Lane Avonmouth ("the Wessex Water Realignment") put forward in documents on 26 February 2015</li> <li>• Notification of the date, time and place of the accompanied site inspections</li> <li>• Notification of the date, time and place of the issue specific hearings</li> <li>• Notification of the date, time and place of the compulsory acquisition hearings (including statutory undertaker and special category land)</li> </ul>
<b>17 and 18 March 2015</b>	<p><b>Open floor hearings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>17 March (Morning session)</i> – The Winter Gardens, Royal Parade, Weston-super-Mare</li> <li>• <i>17 March (Evening session)</i> – Mark Village Hall, Vole Road, Mark</li> <li>• <i>18 March (Afternoon session)</i> – Nailsea Methodist Church, 74-76 Silver Street, Nailsea</li> <li>• <i>18 March (Evening session)</i> – Nailsea Methodist Church, 74-76 Silver Street, Nailsea</li> </ul>
<b>23 March 2015</b>	<p>Advertisement by Applicant of proposed minor realignment to overhead line at Kings Weston Lane Avonmouth ("the Wessex Water Realignment")</p>

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<p><b>25 March 2015</b></p>	<p><b>DEADLINE 3</b></p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updates of information submitted at Deadline 2</li> <li>• Report compiled from responses to the Applicant's notification of the Revised Construction Programme put forward in the ESST documents dated 1 October 2014</li> <li>• Comments on the submissions made at Deadline 2 insofar as they relate to the merits of the Revised Construction Programme put forward in the ESST documents dated 1 October 2014</li> <li>• Comments on WRs</li> <li>• Responses to comments on RRs</li> <li>• Comments on LIRs</li> <li>• Comments on responses to ExA's first written questions</li> <li>• Comments on Applicant's updated HRA matrices</li> <li>• Comments on Applicant's revised draft DCO</li> <li>• Comments on any other updated documents from Interested Parties (including corrections and omissions from the Applicant) submitted for Deadline 2</li> <li>• Comments on any other additional documents and information submitted for Deadline 2</li> <li>• Comments on any submissions in relation to Crown Land and compliance with s135 PA2008</li> <li>• Comments on any submissions in relation to Statutory Undertakers' land and extinguishment of rights, and removal of apparatus, of Statutory Undertakers etc. and special category land and compliance with sections 127, 132 and 138 PA2008</li> <li>• Written summaries of the cases put orally at open floor hearings held on Tuesday 17 and Wednesday 18 March 2015</li> </ul>
<p><b>8 April 2015</b></p>	<p><b>Accompanied site inspection:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>8 April</i> – National Grid Training Centre at Eakring (to</li> </ul>

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<b>14 April 2015</b>	<b>Issue specific hearing:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft DCO and other agreements needed to secure mitigation</li> </ul>
<b>15 - 17 April 2015</b>	<b>Accompanied site inspections:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>15 April</i> – Proposed Route Alignment, Session 1</li> <li>• <i>16 April</i> – Proposed Route Alignment, Session 2</li> <li>• <i>17 April</i> – Proposed Route Alignment, Session 3 (Bristol Port)</li> </ul>
<b>21 - 23 April 2015</b>	<b>Issue specific hearings:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>21 April</i> – Heritage and Historic Environment</li> <li>• <i>22 April</i> – Landscape and Visual, including Arboricultural matters</li> <li>• <i>23 April (morning)</i> – Landscape and Visual, including Arboricultural matters continued</li> <li>• <i>23 April (afternoon)</i> – Means of securing mitigation and/or enhancement for impacts on heritage and historic environment and landscape and visual</li> </ul>
<b>28 April – 1 May 2015</b>	<b>Issue specific hearings:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>28 April</i> – Highways and Transport</li> <li>• <i>29 April</i> – Air Quality, Noise, Ground Conditions, Water Quality and Pollution Prevention and Flood Risk</li> <li>• <i>30 April</i> – Health, Wellbeing and Electro-magnetic Fields and Socio-economic</li> <li>• <i>1 May</i> – Biodiversity and Habitat Regulations Assessment</li> </ul>
<b>6 May 2015</b>	<b>DEADLINE 4</b>  Deadline for receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written summaries of cases put orally at the hearings held on and between Tuesday 14 April and Friday 1 May</li> </ul>

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	<p>2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicant's revised draft DCO</li> <li>• Applicant's revised s106 and other agreements</li> <li>• Comments on report compiled from responses to the Applicant's notification of the Revised Construction Programme put forward in the ESST documents dated 1 October 2014</li> <li>• Report compiled from responses to the Applicant's notification of the realignment of the route of the proposed overhead line at Kings Weston Lane, Avonmouth ("the Wessex Water Realignment")</li> <li>• Submissions on the change to the application as set out in the Wessex Water Realignment documentation</li> </ul>
<b>13 May 2015</b>	<p>Issue by ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Second written questions</li> <li>• Final notification of date, time and place for any other open floor, issue specific or compulsory acquisition hearings</li> </ul>
<b>19 May 2015</b>	<p><b>Issue specific hearings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>19 May (morning)</i> – Avonmouth Severnside Enterprise Area</li> <li>• <i>19 May (afternoon)</i> – Bristol Port</li> </ul>
<b>20 May 2015</b>	<p><b>Compulsory acquisition hearing (including statutory undertaker and special category land)</b></p>
<b>22 May 2015</b>	<p><b>Issue specific hearing:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Portbury/ Portishead Optional Connection Alignments</li> </ul> <p><i>Note – This hearing was adjourned to 15 June 2015 as it was not possible to conclude the hearing within the available time</i></p>
<b>1 June 2015</b>	<p>Advertisement by Applicant in respect of the proposed increase in the height of Pylons LD109 to LD113 within Bristol Port area, Avonmouth in order to achieve a 20.7m clearance</p>

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4 June 2015	<p><b>DEADLINE 5</b></p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responses to ExA's second written questions</li> <li>• Comments on the Applicant's revised draft DCO</li> <li>• Written summaries of cases put orally at the hearings held on and between Tuesday 19 May and Friday 22 May 2015</li> <li>• Any written confirmation required from the Crown in relation to s135 PA2008 providing documentary confirmation that no interests are engaged and/or the Crown authority consents</li> </ul>
15 – 17 June 2015	<p><b>Issue specific hearings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>15 June</i> – Resumption of the issue specific hearing in relation to Portbury/ Portishead Optional Connection Alignments</li> <li>• <i>16 and 17 June</i> – Second issue specific hearing on the draft DCO and other related matters, including s106 and other agreements, plans, strategies and schemes needed to secure mitigation</li> </ul>
18 June 2015	<p><b>DEADLINE 6</b></p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written summaries of cases put orally at the hearings held on and between Monday 15 June and Wednesday 17 June 2015</li> <li>• Updated draft DCO in the final form the Applicant wishes it to be made</li> <li>• Completed agreements made under s106 and any other agreements or programmes to be taken into account by the ExA and Secretary of State in their final agreed form</li> <li>• Updated Statements of Common Ground</li> </ul>
24 June 2015	<p>Publication by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES)</li> </ul>

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	<p>for consultation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated draft DCO in the final form the Applicant wishes it to be made</li> <li>• Updated s106 and other agreements in their final agreed form</li> </ul> <p>Issue by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requests for further information by the ExA including requests for comments on the published documentation</li> <li>• Notification of the ExA's procedural decision to accept the proposed change in height in respect of Pylons LD109 to LD113 in Avonmouth, Bristol in order to achieve a 20.7m clearance, put forward in documents on 18 June and 22 June 2015; and to amend the Examination timetable to enable Interested Parties and the wider public to engage fully in the consideration of this matter</li> </ul>
<b>1 July 2015</b>	<p>Issue by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requests for further information by the ExA including requests for comments on the published documentation</li> <li>• Notification of an Examination timetable variation</li> </ul>
<b>13 July 2015</b>	<p><b>DEADLINE 7</b></p> <p>Deadline for receipt of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comments on responses to ExA's second written questions</li> <li>• Responses to the RIES consultation</li> <li>• Further information as requested by the ExA, including comments from Interested Parties on the merits of the proposed change in height of pylons LD109 to LD113 and the additional environmental information set out in Document 5.34.1</li> <li>• Final comments from Interested Parties or Statutory Parties on the updated draft DCO in the final form the Applicant wishes it to be made</li> <li>• Comments on completed s106 and any other agreements or programmes to be taken into account by</li> </ul>



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	<p>the ExA and Secretary of State</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report compiled from responses to the Applicant's notification of the proposal to amend the application by increasing the height of the 400kV lattice pylons LD109 to LD113 in Avonmouth, Bristol in order to achieve a 20.7m clearance</li> <li>• Any final written submission by any Interested Party or Statutory Party</li> </ul>
<b>17 July 2015</b>	<p><b>DEADLINE 8</b></p> <p>Deadline for receipt of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any comments on the Applicant's proposals, including plans, to secure appropriate construction mitigation measures at St Anthony's Park residential settlement, Avonmouth</li> <li>• Any comments on the Applicant's proposals to secure appropriate mitigation measures during dismantling of the 132kV line at Avonmouth Village</li> <li>• Any comments on the Applicant's explanation of the inclusion in Document 8.21.8 of an assumption that 20% of the stone required for the development would be provided by quarries in the Cheddar area based on assumptions made in the EDF Energy Hinkley Point C Transport Assessment Appendix 3.7 Freight Management Strategy Oct 2011</li> <li>• Any comments on the Applicant's verification of the basis of the assessments and calculations made in Document 8.27.5 'Portbury/ Portishead Matters Note providing information on piling works in Bristol Port'</li> <li>• Any comments on the proposed protective provisions submitted at Deadline 7 by RWE Generation UK (RWE)</li> </ul>
<b>19 July 2015</b>	<b>Close of Examination (23.59)</b>
<b>20 July 2015</b>	<p>Issue by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notification of completion of the Examination under s99 PA2008</li> </ul>