



Meeting Note

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Meeting with	National Grid
Meeting date	25 May 2012
Attendees (Planning Inspectorate)	Kathryn Powell Janet Wilson Chris White
Attendees (non Planning Inspectorate)	Peter Fendley Charlie Webber Robert Powell Howard Bassford Steve Knight-Gregson
Location	The Planning Inspectorate, Temple Quay House, Bristol

Meeting purpose	Update meeting on the proposed North West Coast Connections Project
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Summary of key points discussed and advice given	<p>National Grid gave a presentation (see attachment) on the progress of the proposal to date. National Grid also provided this presentation at their recent stakeholder events.</p> <p>National Grid explained the background to the scheme. The need for the project is driven by the requirement for National Grid to connect the proposed Moorside nuclear power station, close to Sellafield, and a number of proposed offshore wind farms into the transmission system.</p> <p>There is currently no transmission system serving West Cumbria where the proposed Moorside nuclear power station is proposed to be built. As a result new transmission lines will be required to make the connections.</p> <p>In broad terms the proposal requires 4 circuits (two double circuit routes) to connect Moorside. These double circuit routes can both connect to the north (to the Carlisle area) or both to the south (to the Heysham area) or a combination of north and south. Land based and marine options are under consideration.</p> <p>National Grid is currently undertaking initial consultation on 6 strategic options. Consultation is mainly aimed at statutory consultees at this stage; however the public are also able to register through the National Grid website to engage in this consultation.</p>
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	<p>A Planning Performance Agreement (PPA) has now been signed between National Grid and 16 local authorities. Cumbria County Council is taking a lead role in co-ordinating the work streams.</p> <p>National Grid queried whether the Planning Inspectorate is likely to hold an examination period for longer than 6 months.</p> <p>National Grid's project team for this proposal can be contacted via the Planning Inspectorate's project webpage on the following link: Planning Inspectorate Project Page</p>
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Specific decisions/ follow up required?	<p>Kathryn Powell to provide National Grid with her contact details.</p> <p>National Grid to provide the Planning Inspectorate with their list of local authority contacts for this proposal.</p> <p>National Grid to provide the Planning Inspectorate with further details of their consultation, and copies of the documentation on their project website.</p> <p>National Grid to provide the Planning Inspectorate with an electronic copy of the presentation they gave to publish alongside this meeting note.</p>
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