



Meeting note

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Meeting with	National Grid
Venue	Telecon
Attendees	Kath Dunne – The Planning Inspectorate Hannah Pratt – The Planning Inspectorate Eloise Frank – National Grid
Meeting objectives	Monthly telecon progress meeting regarding the North Wales Connection Project
Circulation	All participants

Summary of key points discussed and advice given:

National Grid (NG) was familiar with the Planning Inspectorate's (PINS) statutory duty, under section 51 of the Planning Act 2008 as amended (PA 2008), to record the advice that is given in relation to an application or a potential application and to make this publicly available. NG was also aware that any advice given by the Planning Inspectorate does not constitute legal advice upon which applicants (or others) can rely.

Decommissioning

NG will email PINS with a query regarding how decommissioning will be described in the draft DCO and how it will be assessed within the Environmental Statement. The existing electric line is to be retained and would be crossed by the proposed electric line in some locations. As a result, transposition of the electric line would be required in some locations which would result in new electric line being interspersed with existing electric line. This would be the case on both overhead lines between Wylfa and Pentir.

The Planning inspectorate advised National Grid to clarify within its query:

- The duration of the consent for the existing line, and
- If the existing line will be required for the same time period as the proposed line.

Scoping

PINS explained that the regulation 9 list (of the prescribed consultees) will be provided to NG alongside the scoping opinion. The deadline for issue of the scoping opinion is 3 July 2016.

Outreach

PINS explained that they had held a meeting with the Isle of Anglesey County Council to discuss a PINS outreach event, Gwynedd Council was unable to participate in the meeting. PINS explained that an outreach event it is likely to be held in September 2016. The outreach event would be run by PINS and would discuss process only; the merits of the proposed developments would not be discussed. The following day, PINS would like to undertake site visits for the North Wales Connection and Wylfa Newydd proposals, the local authorities may also attend. PINS asked if NG would be able to provide transport for the site visit, NG will consider this.

Consultation

NG explained that their statutory consultation is due to commence in early October 2016. PINS advised NG to speak with Horizon Nuclear Power regarding consultation dates, as the same/similar consultees may need to respond to both consultations at around the same time and this may have resource implications and can also cause confusion.

Hearing Venues

PINS confirmed that it has not started researching hearing venues for this scheme yet and explained that different types of hearings may require different venues and locations, for example a different location could be required for open floor hearings, compared to the preliminary meeting.