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Dear Sir/Madam

The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 8(3), Rule 17 and s89 (3) Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008)

Application by Western Power Distribution (South Wales) plc for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Brechfa Forest Connection

Procedural decision

On 25 February 2016, the Applicant submitted a change request in the form of an Option B to the project. This option would provide for two spans of above ground electrical connection (between pole number 84 and 86) to be undergrounded in the Towy Valley Registered Landscape of Outstanding Historic Interest in Wales (RLOHIW). These documents have been published on the project webpage:

<http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/wales/brechfa-forest-connection/?ipcsection=docs&stage=app&filter=Post+submission+changes>

In its request, the Applicant states that the changes have arisen as a result of representations by Carmarthenshire County Council and Natural Resources Wales since submission of the application. The option does not change the order limits in any way.

The Applicant maintains that it does not deem that these changes are required to mitigate any impacts from the project, nor does it provide any improvement and as such, wishes to continue to promote the original draft Development Consent Order (DCO) (the latest draft of which is dated 19 February 2016 [REP5-023]) as its preferred option. I will now refer to that original draft DCO as 'Option A'.

The Applicant, as requested through my procedural decision [PD-015], has carried out consultation on Option B and has submitted this information alongside an Option B draft DCO, land plans and works plans, a Book of Reference and an addendum to the Environmental Statement. I have considered this information and have concluded that

the Option B draft DCO is able to be examined and is accepted into the examination.

Further information on my decision on this change request can be found on the Planning Inspectorate's website:

<http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/3742098>

Interested Parties are therefore invited to provide comment on these documents by Deadline 6, 17 March 2016.

Further Information

1. In addition to requests for further information set out in the Procedural Decision on Thursday 25 February 2016, I request that the Applicant explain why the land of Plot A245 in the ownership of Mr and Mrs Woods is still included within the Order limits if it is no longer required by the project.
2. Furthermore, please explain why the removal of Plot A245 is not reflected in Part 3 of the Book of Reference.

A response to this query and any updated documentation is to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate by Deadline 6, 17 March 2016.

3. Further to the Applicant's response to OM2-01, I request that an update be provided at Deadline 6, 17 March 2016.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the case team.

Yours faithfully

Martin Broderick

Martin Broderick
Examining Authority

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