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Dear Ms. King

**Western Power Distribution (South Wales) Plc
Brechfa Forest Connection Application Reference EN020016**

Following the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing and DCO Hearing on 10th and 11th February 2016, the Examiner asked that the Applicant submit to him copies of correspondence between Affected Persons in seeking to reach voluntary agreement on the acquisition of interests over land to construct the project. The Applicant agreed that it would consider that request and disclose those documents which it considered it was able to do.

The Applicant has recorded these documents which extend to circa 4,000 pages of communication including e-mail, letters and documents. On review we consider that the Applicant is unable to disclose all of those documents for the following reason:

A large amount of the correspondence has been exchanged in commercial negotiations and it was not agreed between the parties at the time of exchange of correspondence that that information would be made public. The correspondence has been exchanged in confidence and contains matters that are commercially confidential. It could not therefore be disclosed without the full consent of each and every party to that correspondence. Bearing in mind the volume of correspondence the Applicant does not consider that it is able to undertake the exercise of agreeing with each and every party what correspondence could and could not be disclosed and then redacting any commercially confidential information (such as financial information).

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However the Applicant has collated a schedule of all correspondence which has been exchanged which is currently being updated and will be submitted.

Further the Applicant has had further positive discussions with the Mr Iwan Jones, agent for a number of landowners, and it is very likely that correspondence with Mr Jones (the majority of which has already been shared with the Planning Inspectorate) will be able to be disclosed and a schedule listing that correspondence will be provided with the correspondence (should we be able to disclose it).

Should you have any questions on this matter please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely



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