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**Sent:** 05 April 2016 13:22  
**To:** Brechfa Connection  
**Cc:** 'Brechfa Electricity'; Katherine King; 'Kenyon, David'; Steve P Murphy  
**Subject:** RE: Brechfa Forest Connection - Rule 8(3) and 17 letters - CCC response to Deadline 8

Dear Sir/Madam

I refer to your letter dated 30<sup>th</sup> March 2016 regarding the above. The content below forms the basis of Carmarthenshire County Council's response to the Examining Authority's letter. For ease of reference the relevant questions directed towards the Council precede the answers:

**To Natural Resources Wales (NRW) and Carmarthenshire County Council (CCC):**

**Do NRW or CCC have any records of incidents where wooden overhead line poles, whose foundation depths do not exceed 2.7m from natural ground level (Requirement 27 of Draft DCO Version E [REP5-023]) have been shown to have interrupted the pathway connecting the water supply with its source, surface water or groundwater)?**

CCC response: The Council's pollution control and land drainage sections have been consulted. Both have indicated that no incidents have been reported where wooden overhead line poles, whose foundation depths do not exceed 2.7m from natural ground level have been shown to have interrupted the pathway connecting the water supply with its source, surface water or groundwater.

The Council does not regulate private water supplies for domestic properties and it is understood this ceased in 2010. Prior to this date the Council's risk assessments were based on the presence of ecological and bacterial matter. The Council did not during this time specifically assess the risk from wooden overhead line poles. For further information you may wish to contact the Drinking Water Inspectorate.

**To the Applicant and CCC:**

**The Applicant and CCC are asked to update the ExA on the current status of the:**

- **Section 106 agreement; and**
- **Statement of Common Ground on the draft DCOs for Option A and B?**

CCC response: The Council has been given the final copy of the S.106 agreement by WPD and will be making its final checks on the drafting of the document shortly ahead of signing and sealing. The Council will inform Pins once this is completed.

A Statement of Common Ground between CCC and WPD on the draft DCOs for Option A and B has been signed by both parties. The Council understands this will be submitted under separate cover by WPD.

The content of this email is based on the technical assessment of the evidence presented in WPD's submission documents and professional judgement of officers of the Council. This document does not contain the views of the Council's elected members, as these have been placed within the Council's Written Representation.

Kind Regards

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