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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination
Procedure) Rules 2010**

**Application by Western Power Distribution (South Wales) plc (“the
Applicant”) for an Order granting Development Consent for the Brechfa
Forest Connection project**

**REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED
BRECHFA FOREST CONNECTION PROJECT**

Further to letters of 18 and 25 August 2016 seeking further clarification and information from parties, including Western Power Distribution (South Wales)plc (“the Applicant”) and Carmarthenshire County Council, in respect of the above application, the Secretary of State has received a subsequent request dated 26 August 2016 from Osborne Clarke LLP on behalf of the Applicant seeking an extension to the deadlines previously set (i.e. 2 and 8 September 2016 respectively) until 9 September 2016.

The request for the extension has been considered. Taking account of the statutory deadline for determination of the application (i.e. 6 October 2016), the Secretary of State is content to extend the 2 September 2016 deadline also until 8 September (i.e. in line with deadline set in his 25 August 2016 letter). In the circumstances, I am also copying this letter to Carmarthenshire Council to note the extension to the deadline.

The Applicant has also asked for further clarification in respect of the Secretary of State's request in his letter of 25 August 2016 for new Works Plans to correct any existing inconsistencies. I can confirm that the requests relates to discrepancies in colours between actual markings on plans and keys for the limits of deviation.

As previously indicated, responses should be submitted by email to:

BrechfaConnection@pins.gsi.gov.uk .

Please also send any hard copy response to the Brechfa Forest Connection Project Team, Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, c/o the Planning Inspectorate, 3D Eagle Wing, Temple Quay House, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN. If you will have difficulty in submitting a response by the consultation deadline, please inform the Project Team as soon as possible.

Responses will be published on the Brechfa Forest Connection project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website as soon as possible after 8 September 2016.

This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State's decision whether or not to grant development consent for the Brechfa Forest Connection project, and nothing in this letter is to be taken to imply what that decision might be.

Yours faithfully

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