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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached a summary of the Environment Agency's oral representations made at the Issue Specific Hearings held on 12th, 13th and 17th November 2015 and comments on the Bicker Fen Substation Extension and Reconfiguration submission.

Kind regards,

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Dear Sir

Triton Knoll Electrical System - Bicker Fen Substation Extension and Reconfiguration

The Environment Agency received a copy of documents relating to the above from the Applicant on 6 November 2015.

We have reviewed the submitted information in relation to surface water management issues and have the following comments to make on it.

The submission highlights that the information contained therein constitutes recommendations only, as the Applicant is not responsible for the site and in reality National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) would undertake the required formal assessments and propose the final surface water management scheme. Therefore, the Environment Agency comments only relate to the principle of surface water management and do not reflect the final recommendation or conditions which will be applied to the extension works. Furthermore, it is likely that the Lead Local Flood Authority (Lincolnshire County Council) and the Black Sluice Internal Drainage Board will be the principle Risk Management Authorities who will advise on the final surface water management proposal.

The proposal follows the same principles for surface water management as agreed for the substation, where surface water flows are attenuated in a gravel layer and discharged into a Black Sluice Internal Drainage Board drain at the same rate of 1.05l/s/ha. The calculations demonstrate that there is sufficient area within the footprint of the proposed extension to accommodate the attenuated surface water without creating a hazard to the works or third parties. As with the substation, the Environment Agency is satisfied with the proposed principle and the final solution would need to be secured by a suitably worded condition on any planning permission granted.

However, it is possible that NGET will utilise the existing surface water system and agreements with the Black Sluice Internal Drainage Board for the site, thereby implementing a different final solution.

Yours faithfully

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