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Southern Gas Networks PLC

Responses to Examining Authority's First Written Questions ExQ1

AQUIND Interconnector DCO Examination (ENO20022)

The Examining Authority has requested that SGN respond to the following three questions set down in ExQ1: CA1.3.13, CA1.3.43 and CA1.3.77. SGN's responses are set out in the table below.

CA1.3.13
Examining Authority's Question: The Book of Reference (BoR) [AS-011] includes a number of Statutory Undertakers with interests in land. i) Provide a progress report on negotiations with each of the Statutory Undertakers listed in the Book of Reference, with an estimate of the timescale for securing agreement from them. ii) State whether there are any envisaged impediments to the securing of such agreements. iii) State whether any additional Statutory Undertakers have been identified since the submission of the Book of Reference as an Application document.
SGN Response: SGN is engaged with ongoing technical and legal discussions with the Applicant in relation to its land interests. SGN's Technical Team is keen to better gauge the Applicant's preferred onshore cable crossing route so that it can gauge the full likely impact on its apparatus. However, it is meanwhile working with the Applicant to secure agreed Protective Provisions to the Order so as to avoid any serious detriment to SGN's undertaking. SGN shall keep the Examining Authority up to date as to the progress of those negotiations which are currently moving forward in a positive manner.
CA1.3.43
Examining Authority's Question: What are the current positions of the Applicant and the following Statutory Undertakers in terms of protective provisions? (Appendix B of the Statement of Reasons [APP-022] refers.) If agreement has not been reached on protective provisions, what is the envisaged timescale for such an agreement? i) Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd. ii) Portsmouth Water Ltd. iii) SGN - Southern Gas Network PLC. iv) SSE PLC (High Voltage). v) SSE PLC (Low Voltage).
SGN Response: Applicant and SGN negotiations continue on protective provisions, and SGN is keen for such negotiations to be concluded at the soonest opportunity once technical and legal discussions have been concluded. A status report on the negotiations is included in the draft Statement of Common Ground which has been submitted by the Applicant at this Deadline 1.

CA1.3.77

Examining Authority's Question:

Is the SGN Relevant Representation [RR-012] made in relation to s127 or s138 of the Planning Act 2008, or both?

SGN Response: Section 127 and Section 138.

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