Dear Sir/Madam,

Notice of a procedural decision to vary the timetable for the examination of the application for the proposed Underground Gas Storage Facility at Preesall Saltfield, Lancashire

I am writing to you as lead member of the panel that forms the Examining authority to inform you that the panel has decided to vary the timetable for this examination, which was set out in our letter of 2 May 2012.

At the first issue specific hearing on the draft DCO and requirements, held on Tuesday 24 July, the panel decided that the second issue specific hearing on the draft DCO and requirements (item 9) should be removed from the timetable. The second hearing will now not take place on 22 August 2012. The reason for this is to allow the applicant and relevant interested parties sufficient time to address matters raised at the first hearing in preparing the final draft DCO, requirements and s106 Agreement, the deadline for which remains unchanged at 31 August 2012.

It is likely that we will then hold a second issue specific hearing on the draft DCO later in the examination on one of the days reserved in the timetable for Issue Specific or Compulsory Acquisition hearings, and if so we will let you know when and where it will take place in a further letter. If you have any questions about this decision, please contact the case team using the details in the head of this letter.

Yours faithfully

Paul Hudson
Lead Member of the Panel of Examining Inspectors

1 In accordance with rule 13 (4) The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010
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