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Dear Sir Madam

Statement of matters with respect to further written representations (pursuant to rule 20(2) of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010)

PRESALL UNDERGROUND GAS STORAGE FACILITY

I write further to your letter of 8th April 2014 in respect of the above and invitation for further representations for the purposes of the Secretary of State's re-determination of the application in respect of matters i) – v) set out in the letter. The County Council would make the following comments in respect of each of the points.

- i) The County Council has previously agreed a Statement of Common Ground with the applicant and which was presented to the Examining Panel. However, it also expressed the view as part of its Local Impact Report that the Examining Panel should be satisfied it had sufficient information before it relating to geological matters to be able to come to the view that the development could be carried out and carried out safely. The County Council acknowledges the findings of the panel and the subsequent concerns of the Secretary of State in respect of the absence of geological information. Notwithstanding the County Councils previous conclusions, it welcomes the opportunity for further geological information to demonstrate the Applicant's case that the anticipated total storage capacity of up to 900 million cubic metres and working capacity of up to 600 million cubic metres at standard temperature and pressure in the area for cavern development shown on plan A-1000-030 Rev B can be achieved.
- ii) The County Council has no further comments with regard to the extent the Development is consistent with National Policy Statement for Gas Supply Infrastructure and Gas and Oil Pipelines.
- iii) If the Secretary of State decides on re-determination to grant development consent for the Development, it is considered that depending on the interpretation of any additional geological information submitted that the requirements of requirement 6 of the draft development consent order as recommended by the

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Examining Authority in its report of 21 January 2013 will need to be reviewed as to what level of information is required.

- iv) It is considered that other than any further geological information required that there is no further or updated environmental information necessary at this stage.
- v) The County Council would not wish to raise any other matters that are considered material to the Secretary of States' redetermination no the application.

Yours sincerely



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