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Dear Mr Budinger

Preesall Saltfield Underground Gas Storage

I refer to the document entitled 'Review of the Proposed Drilling and Completion Programmes for the Preesall Underground Gas Storage Project: Main Report' together with Annexes 1 to 7 inclusive which are all marked 'Confidential'.

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A copy of the DVD upon which you sent us electronic copies of these documents has been made omitting these documents, and the original DVD is enclosed. Please only send us information that is

On a separate matter, we are unable to open the following drawings included under the heading 'Fleetwood Peninsula Proposed Brine Pipeline Routes' on the DVD:

- Jameson Bridge to UU Pipe Crossing (C.01142.X03)
- Jameson Bridge to UU Pipe Crossing (C.01143.X03)
- UU to Seawater Pump (C.01145.X03)
- UU to Seawater Pump (C.01146.X03)
- UU to Seawater Pump (C.01147.X03)
- UU to Seawater Pump (C.01148.X03)

I trust the above clarifies the Commission's position however please feel free to contact us should you require further guidance on this or any other matter.

Yours sincerely



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