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To all interested parties and statutory parties

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Our Ref: EN060004

Date: 09 December 2015

Dear Sir / Madam

The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 8(3)

Application by National Grid Gas plc for an Order Granting Development Consent for the River Humber Gas Pipeline Replacement Project

Notification of variation to the timetable (cancellation of hearings)

Following discussions at the hearings held on 17 & 18 November 2015 at the Mercure Hull Royal Hotel, 170 Ferensway, East Yorkshire, Hull and the documents supplied at Deadline 4, I consider that a variation to the examination timetable is required.

The dates reserved for Issue Specific Hearings on the 5 & 6 January 2016 are no longer required and I confirm that they are cancelled.

As such, these hearings have now been removed from the timetable. Please note however that this does not restrict me from scheduling further hearings before the close of the examination.

Post hearing documents at Deadline 6 will therefore not be required but the remaining items listed for receipt in my Rule 8 letter dated 14 September 2015 under that deadline still apply.

I have attached the Deadline 7 & 8 requirements from my initial Rule 8 letter highlighting the need for executed SOCGs to be provided by Deadline 7, or final position statements for Examining Authority judgement. It is essential for this information to be received on these dates, ahead of the examination close. It is noted at Deadline 4 that there remains ongoing discussions and/or work being undertaken regarding Traffic and Transport (haul route final proposal and mitigation) and ecological mitigation during the construction phase (final mitigation offer) and my second round of questions have raised some further points around these topics.

All other examination timetable matters contained in Annex B of my letter of 14 September 2015 remain unchanged. Please see Annex A of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

Jeremy Aston

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Examining Authority

Annex A – Amended Timetable (at item 19)

15	Issue Specific Hearings - cancelled	5 and 6 January 2016
16	Deadline 6 <u>Requirement for post hearing documents – removed</u> Otherwise this deadline requirements remains as Rule 8 timetable, 14 September 2015	13 January 2016
18	Deadline 7 Deadline for receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Comments on Report on Implications for European Sites (RIES) · Comments on ExA's draft DCO · Comments on SOCG where updated · Executed final version SOCGs (If these contain remaining points of contention then final position statements for each signatory required for ExA judgement) · Comments on any other information submitted at Deadline 6 · Revised Book of Reference taking into account all issues raised at hearings and in RRs/WRs (including both clean and track-change versions) · Any other information requested by the ExA 	17 February 2016
19	Deadline 8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Comments on the responses to the RIES · Comments on the responses to the ExA Draft DCO · Comments on the executed final version SOCG from parties who are not signatories, or from the parties if document is not executed · Responses to revised Book of Reference 	24 February 2016

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