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Planning Inspectorate
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Our ref: RA/2015/132060/03-L04
Your ref: EN060004
Our ID: 10031562
Date: 12 October 2015

NOTIFICATIONS

Dear Sir/Madam

A REPLACEMENT HIGH-PRESSURE GAS PIPELINE WITHIN A BORED TUNNEL BENEATH THE HUMBER ESTUARY AND ASSOCIATED DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING A CONNECTING PIPELINE, MINOR MODIFICATIONS TO PAULL ABOVE GROUND INSTALLATION AND ASSOCIATED TEMPORARY LAY DOWN, WORKING AND MITIGATION AREAS. FROM PAULL, EAST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE TO GOXHILL, NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE.

We would like to provide the following notifications to the ExA.

Comments on Statements of Common Ground (Drafts) from Deadline 1

At this stage we only wish to highlight the status of the SoCG between National Grid and the Environment Agency, submitted by the applicant at deadline 1. Whilst we are content that the document is presented as being in draft, we would like to make clear that 'draft' in this case does not mean that the document represents a statement of those matters which were agreed between the parties at that point in time - as is often the case with statements of common ground. In fact it lists as 'agreed' a number of matters on which we have outstanding concerns as set out in our Written Representation and answers to the First Written Questions. We will continue to work with National Grid to amend the document so that it presents a more accurate representation of the current position such that the ExA can benefit from a clear picture of what is, and what is not, agreed.

Notification of wish to speak at a Compulsory Acquisition hearing

Given that we currently have some objections to aspects of the proposed land acquisition, we wish to attend and speak at the Compulsory Acquisition hearing. However, if our outstanding matters are resolved between now and the hearing, we may subsequently withdraw our request to attend.

Notification of wish to speak at the Issue Specific Hearing on the draft Development Consent Order (DCO)

We do not currently wish to speak at the DCO hearing.

Notification of wish to speak at any other Issue Specific Hearing

It is unclear at this stage whether it will be necessary or desirable for us to speak at the Issue Specific Hearing. Whilst we have a number of outstanding concerns with the application, progress is being made and we remain hopeful that agreement or resolution may be reached on some or all of these matters in advance of the hearing. We therefore feel it would be prudent to request that we will attend and speak at the hearing, but if our outstanding matters are resolved between now and the hearing, we may subsequently withdraw our request to attend. In any case, we would certainly be willing to attend should the ExA feel that our attendance would be helpful.

Notification of wish to speak at an Open Floor Hearing

We do not wish to speak at an open floor hearing.

Should you require any additional information or clarification, please don't hesitate to contact me on the details below.

Yours faithfully

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