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The Planning Inspectorate
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Dear Sirs

**Application by National Grid Gas Plc for an Order Granting Development Consent for the River Humber Gas Pipeline Replacement Project (“The DCO Application”)
The Land to the North and South of East Marsh Road, Goxhill, Barrow Upon Humber, North Lincolnshire (“the Property”)**

We write in relation to the above matter and for which we have recently been instructed as solicitors to act for the Tenant to the above property, Mr John H Finch.

We have been made aware that today is the deadline for written submissions in respect of the DCO Application. We are instructed that our client has agreed the principal terms the landlord has agreed with National Grid. The terms have not yet been formalised as we are awaiting documentation to be drafted.

In the circumstances, we are surprised to find the National Grid has made a DCO Application. It appears they have not fulfilled their obligation to negotiate an acquisition first. We therefore write in support of the Landlord's request that the present application is stayed until proper negotiation is followed through, in order to avoid unnecessary costs. We would also reserve our client's position to make any further representations with regards to the DCO Application following the outcome of such request.

Yours faithfully

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