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#### **DEADLINE 6A SUBMISSIONS**

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 make the following deadline 6A submissions.

#### **Questions seeking further information**

**Question 1** – We have no objections to the amendment to the order limits, however the proposed barriers have the potential to interfere with our access to and operation of our flood risk management assets in this location. Any barrier must not restrict our continuity of access to the sea defences from the South (Skitter) towards the North. We would not wish to see height restriction on these barriers and they will need to be locked with Environment Agency padlocks. The final Protective Provisions, once these are agreed, will prevent any interference with our access to drainage works and will bring about the need for our consent where works are proposed in close proximity to drainage works.

Notwithstanding the above position it should be noted that in paragraph 3.7.2.3 of document 8.22 (Response to Rule 17 letter dated 7 January 2016) it is stated that 'The Environment Agency has been consulted and consents to

the installation of the vehicle barrier on its land at Skitter Drain'. However, we are unaware of any such consultation or consent taking place or being given.

**Question 16** – The Protective Provisions included in Document 3.1C dated 13 January 2016 are NOT agreed. The PPs omit a large number of amendments which we have previously discussed and agreed with National Grid. We have raised this with the applicant and they have indicated that these have been omitted in error. We understand that they intend to submit a revised DCO, incorporating all the necessary amendments, at deadline 7.

Assuming the previously agreed matters are properly included in a revised draft, the only outstanding matter with the Protective Provisions relates to the indemnity clause at paragraph 22. This matter is with the applicant and we await their views.

#### **Comments on Deadline 6 Submissions**

**Initial Site Water Management Plan** - We have no objections to document 6.13.2A, the revised Initial Site Water Management Plan, dated 13 January 2016. The proposed changes reflect the amendment to the mitigation strategy described in the applicant's deadline 2 submissions 'Addendum to Hydrogeological Impact Assessment' and the 'Mini Pump Test Results and Factual Report', as well as the amended Requirement 5.

**Schedule of progress on voluntary negotiations** – We made a number of representations on this document at deadline 6. The matters we raised do not appear to have been addressed in this latest document 7.8D.

We look forward to providing our comments on a revised DCO incorporating the changes agreed with the applicant, as well as a revised Book of Reference and Schedule of progress on voluntary negotiations which address our previous representations.

Yours faithfully

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