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Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 17, Rule 8(3) and Rule 9

Application by National Grid Carbon Ltd for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Yorkshire and Humber CCS Cross Country Pipeline

Request for further information, notification of amendment to the Examination timetable and notification of a procedural decision

I am writing to you to draw your attention to a variation to the timetable for the above examination, enclosed at **Annex A** of this letter.

The purpose of this examination timetable variation is to enable me to ask questions of the applicant and interested parties. These questions are enclosed at **Annex B** of this letter.

I also write to notify you of a procedural decision I have made in relation to non-material amendments to the application, details of which are below.

Notice of procedural decision; acceptance of non-material amendments to the application

National Grid Carbon Limited (National Grid) as applicant has sought to make amendments to its applications. These are detailed below.

- National Grid has submitted an updated book of reference. National Grid noted that there were discrepancies in the measured area of some plots from that stated in the book of reference. These discrepancies do not necessitate a change to the order limits, the works plans, land plans or other plans/drawings. The land that is the subject of the application has not changed and neither has the extent of the plots identified in the land plans this relates only to errors in the description of some plots in the book of reference. Subsequently National Grid has updated the book of reference to

correct these errors. National Grid has also updated the book of reference in respect of changes to land interests that have occurred over the course of time.

- National Grid Carbon has sought to make provision for certain cathodic protection (CP) apparatus needed for the operation of the Onshore Scheme. CP apparatus is required to protect the buried pipeline from corrosion. This was received at Deadline 6, 1 April 2015.

In summary these amendments comprise:

- Four CP ground-beds and associated apparatus at four locations on land at: Camblesforth Multi-Junction; Tollingham block valve, Dalton block valve and Skerne block valve.
- The CP ground-beds themselves are buried 1-2m below the surface and a cable runs from the CP ground-beds to the pipeline.

The location for all four CP ground-beds and associated apparatus are within the Order limits of the application as already proposed and accordingly, the Order limits need not be extended nor any new land included in the application to accommodate the required changes to the CP provision.

I consider that in the context of the whole application, the materiality of the changes applied for are not of such a degree that they constitute a new project. I therefore consider that the proposal, with the applied for changes, can be regarded as being part of the project which is the subject of the existing examination. The changes are published on the National Infrastructure pages of the Planning Portal website and can be accessed by following this link:

<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/yorkshirepipeline>

If you have any comments on these changes please make them by Deadline 7 (as per the revised timetable issued with this letter at Annex A), **16 April 2015**.

Yours faithfully

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Advice may be given about applying for an order granting development consent or making representations about an application (or a proposed application). This communication does not however constitute legal advice upon which you can rely and you should obtain your own legal advice and professional advice as required.

A record of the advice which is provided will be recorded on the Planning Inspectorate website together with the name of the person or organisation who asked for the advice. The privacy of any other personal information will be protected in accordance with our Information Charter which you should view before sending information to the Planning Inspectorate.

Annex A

I have varied the timetable to provide for interested parties to respond to this letter by **Deadline 7, 15 April 2015**. Comments to these responses are invited by **Deadline 8, 23 April 2015**.

Items	Matters	Due Date
15	Deadline 7 Any further information requested by the ExA for this deadline.	Thursday 16 April 2015
16	Deadline 8 Comments on any further information requested by the ExA received at Deadline 7.	Friday 24 April 2015
17	The ExA is under a duty to complete the examination of the application by the end of the period of 6 months beginning with the day after the close of the Preliminary Meeting.	Tuesday 19 May 2015

Annex B

Below are details of further information I am requesting in respect of the Examination of the Yorkshire and Humber CCS pipeline application. Questions are addressed directly where information is requested only from a specific individual or organisation.

1. Crown Land

Response required from: the applicant and The Crown Estate (TCE).

National Grid is seeking to create a new right over Crown Land which is for the time being held otherwise than by or on behalf of the Crown. Therefore, can the applicant provide evidence that consent for this acquisition has been given by the Crown authority pursuant to s135 (1)(b)) of the PA2008?

Is TCE able to explicitly communicate this consent to the ExA before the close of the Examination?

If consent is not given, in accordance with s.135, it will not be possible for an order granting development consent (if it is made) to include a provision authorising compulsory acquisition of this right.

2. Statutory Undertakers

Response required from: the applicant, Network Rail, Northern Powergrid (Yorkshire) Plc, Drax Power Limited, Capture Power Limited, Ineos Manufacturing (Hull) Limited, Government Pipeline and Storage Systems, Environment Agency and Yorkshire Water Services Limited

Where representations about acquisition relating to the project have been made by statutory undertakers and with regard to s127 (1)(b) of the PA2008, is the applicant able to provide evidence confirming that those representations have been withdrawn?

Are the statutory undertakers able to directly communicate that withdrawal to the ExA before the close of the Examination?

3. Statements of Common Ground (SoCG)

Response required from: the applicant, East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Environment Agency, Marine Management Organisation, North Yorkshire County Council

Please can the applicant advise on all matters unresolved in all SoCG and confirm if the matters are likely to be resolved by the close of the examination.

Can all organisations listed above, please confirm if they are content that all matters have been resolved. Where matters remain unresolved, can you confirm if these are likely to be resolved by the end of the examination and if not, why?