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Dear Sir/Madam

**Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning
(Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) –**

**Application by National Grid Carbon Limited (“The Applicant”) for an Order
granting Development Consent for the Yorkshire and Humber Carbon Capture
and Storage (“CCS”) Cross Country Pipeline**

**REQUEST FOR COMMENTS FROM NATURAL ENGLAND, THE ENVIRONMENT
AGENCY, THE APPLICANT, CAPTURE POWER LIMITED, THE CANAL & RIVER
TRUST AND DRIFFIELD NAVIGATION TRUST - EN070001**

Regulation 61 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 as amended (“the Habitats Regulations”) requires the Secretary of State to consider whether the proposed Development would be likely, either alone or in-combination with other plans and projects, to have a significant effect on a European Site or European offshore marine site (as defined in the Habitats Regulations), when taking into account the conservation objectives of that site. Further to my letter of 11 September 2015 it is noted that there is potential for cumulative environmental effects to occur when considering (1) the Yorkshire and Humber CCS Cross Country Pipeline for which development consent is being sought; (2) the White Rose CCS project; and (3) the proposed offshore pipeline and the proposed offshore storage site.

It is also noted that as part of the Examination, Natural England confirmed that it is content that there are no cumulative effects between the proposed Yorkshire and Humber CCS Cross Country Pipeline and the White Rose CCS project and the proposed offshore pipeline and the proposed offshore storage site. The Secretary of State has been provided with details as to how Natural England arrived at its conclusion that there are no cumulative effects with regards to the proposed Yorkshire and Humber CCS Cross Country Pipeline and the proposed offshore pipeline and the proposed offshore storage site (and the information it had regard to in reaching this conclusion). **The Secretary of State would like to invite Natural England to set out details as to how it arrived at the conclusion that there are no cumulative effects with regards to the proposed Yorkshire and Humber CCS Cross**

Country Pipeline and the White Rose CCS project and to provide the information it had regard to in reaching this conclusion. The Secretary of State would also like to invite the Applicant, the Environment Agency, and Capture Power Limited to provide any comments they may wish to make on this matter.

On 11 September 2015, the Secretary of State invited comments from the Applicant, W.Clifford Watts Ltd, East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Network Rail, The Canal & River Trust and Driffield Navigation Trust on a number of issues. The Secretary of State notes that responses have not been received from the Applicant, The Canal & River Trust and Driffield Navigation Trust. **The Secretary of State would therefore like to provide these parties with a further opportunity to respond.** The letter of 11 September 2015 is published on the Yorkshire and Humber CCS Cross Country Pipeline project page of the Planning Portal website and can be accessed by following this link;

<http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN070001/2.%20Post-Submission/Other/DECC%20consultation%20letter.pdf>

Following the letter for 11 September 2015, responses were received from; W.Clifford Watts Ltd in respect of how the quarry extension granted consent by East Riding of Yorkshire Council on 6 August 2015 to W.Clifford Watts Ltd and the proposed CCS pipeline will both be accommodated; Network Rail in respect of how discussions relating to the protective provisions that would be needed to safeguard the railway assets were progressing and; East Riding of Yorkshire Council in respect of progress for completing the agreement under section 38 of the Highways Act 1980. These responses are all published on the Yorkshire and Humber CCS Cross Country Pipeline project page of the Planning Portal website and can be accessed by following this link:

<http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/yorkshire-and-the-humber/yorkshire-and-humber-ccs-cross-country-pipeline/>

The Secretary of State would like to invite the Applicant to provide any comments they wish to make with regards these responses.

The deadline for response is Tuesday 13 October 2015.

Responses to the points outlined in this letter should be submitted by email to: - yorkshumberccspipeline@infrastructure.gsi.gov.uk. Please send any hard copy response to Yorkshire and Humber CCS Pipeline project team, Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, c/o the Planning Inspectorate, Eagle Wing 3/18, Temple Quay House, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN. Your response will be published on the Yorkshire and Humber CCS Cross Country Pipeline project page of the Planning Portal website as soon as possible after 13 October 2015.

This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State's decision whether or not to grant development consent for the Yorkshire and Humber CCS Cross Country Pipeline and nothing in this letter is to be taken to imply what that decision might be.

Yours faithfully

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