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Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

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

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS FROM THE APPLICANT ON THE APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED YORKSHIRE AND HUMBER CARBON CAPTURE AND STORAGE CROSS COUNTRY PIPELINE

This letter is addressed specifically to the Applicant for the proposed Yorkshire and Humber Carbon Capture and Storage Cross Country Pipeline ("the Yorkshire and Humber Pipeline"). It is also published on the Planning Inspectorate website and interested parties are welcome to respond by the deadline set out below.

Following completion of its examination on 19 May 2015, the Examining Authority submitted to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change ("the Secretary of State") on 19 August 2015, a Report and Recommendation in respect of its findings and conclusions on the above application. In accordance with section 107 of the Planning Act 2008 ("the Act"), the Secretary of State has three months to determine the application. However, on 19 November 2015, the Secretary of State extended the determination deadline to 19 May 2016 by virtue of the powers in section 107(3) of the Act.

Further to my letter of 20 November 2015, there are a number of other issues on which the Secretary of State would be grateful if the Applicant could provide an update or further clarification on the following points:

- (i) It was confirmed on 25 November 2015 following the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Autumn Statement that the £1bn ring-fenced capital budget for the Carbon Capture and Storage ("CCS") Competition would no longer be available. This decision means that the CCS Competition has been closed. In the light of the decision to withdraw CCS funding, the Secretary of State wishes to know the intentions of the Applicant with respect to the future development of the Yorkshire and Humber Pipeline in the event that development consent for that project was to be granted.
- (ii) Again, in the light of the withdrawal of Government funding for the CCS demonstration programme, the Secretary of State would be grateful for an explanation about how any necessary funding for compensation to be paid in the event of compulsory acquisition powers being granted and exercised would be made available to those parties affected by such acquisition.
- (iii) The Secretary of State also requests information in respect of the offshore elements of the CCS chain linked to the Yorkshire and Humber Pipeline proposal – the pipeline from the coast at a point near Barmston in the East Riding of Yorkshire to the proposed storage facility – and particularly the latest position on any applications for necessary consents for that pipeline and for the related storage infrastructure.

I have written in similar terms to Capture Power Limited in respect of their application for development consent for the White Rose CCS project.

The deadline for any responses is Thursday 3 March 2016.

Responses to the points outlined in this letter should be submitted by email to yorkshumberccspipeline@infrastructure.gsi.gov.uk . Please send any hard copy responses to:

Yorkshire and Humber CCS Pipeline Case Team,
Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change,
c/o the Planning Inspectorate, Eagle Wing 3/18,
Temple Quay House, Temple Quay,
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Your response will be published on the Yorkshire and Humber Cross Country CCS Pipeline project page of the Planning Portal website as soon as possible after **Thursday 3 March 2016.**

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

Yours faithfully

Giles Scott

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Head of National Infrastructure Consents and Coal Liabilities