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Dear Sir

**PLANNING ACT 2008 (AS AMENDED) AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING
(EXAMINATION PROCEDURE) RULES 2010 (AS AMENDED)
APPLICATION BY NATIONAL GRID CARBON ("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 THE APPLICANT W CLIFFORD WATTS LIMITED, EAST
RIDING OF YORKSHIRE COUNCIL, NETWORK RAIL, THE CANAL AND RIVER TRUST AND
DRIFFIELD NAVIGATION TRUST**

REFERENCE 10029854

We refer to your letter of 30 September 2015 in which it was noted that a response to the Secretary of State's letter of 11 September 2015 was received from the Applicant by the requested deadline but was unfortunately overlooked due to administrative error. W C Watts Limited ("the Company") would respond to the Applicant's response to point one of the Secretary of State's query as follows.

Discussions have taken place between the Company and the Applicant but those discussions have not been in detail. The Company has not been given the opportunity to give any input into the terms of engagement of the mineral consultant to complete the detailed 3D modelling exercise referred to and cannot withdraw its objections to the proposed scheme until those findings have been finalised and the extent of the potential sterilisation has been identified. W C Watts refers to the comments previously made by it in that the mineral (particularly the gravel deposits worked at depth) is an extremely scarce resource in the locality and the potential damaged caused to the Company is far greater than simply a loss of reserves as sterilisation would potentially affect the

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Company's ability to produce added value products. Including an obligation to compensate for sterilised minerals would not fully compensate the Company. Representatives for National Grid have verbally suggested in a telephone conversation with the Company's representatives on Friday 2 October 2015 they are considering laying the pipeline at the base of the quarry excavations once all of the commercially viable minerals has been extracted by the Company. This proposal would clearly be in the best interest of all parties however details are required from the Applicant regarding timescales and depths before this can be further considered by the Company.

Whilst the Company remains committed to working with the Applicant to find a solution to the issues and to allow the working of the minerals at present no detail of the proposed solution has been given and whilst the Company remains committed to finding a solution which suits both itself and the Applicant it is felt that a swift response by the Applicant to the outstanding issues is necessary before the Company can provide further comment.

Yours faithfully

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