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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 CCS Pipeline"). It is also published on the Planning Inspectorate website and interested parties are welcome to respond.

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 using the powers in section 107(3) of the Act. The Secretary of State has today further extended the determination deadline to 31 August 2016 under the powers in section 107(3).

Further to my letter of 18 February 2016 and the response from the Applicant dated 2 March 2016, the Secretary of State would be grateful if the Applicant (and any other parties that wish to comment) could provide an update or further clarification on the following matters:

- (i) On 13 April 2016, the Secretary of State refused development consent for the

White Rose Carbon Capture and Storage project. The Secretary of State notes from the Applicant`s letter of 2 March 2016 that the Yorkshire and Humber Pipeline “had never been intended for the sole use of the White Rose project” and that this is set out in documentation submitted with the Application (in Document 7.4 of the consent application).

The Secretary of State also notes that Document 7.4 records (in the Chapter headed “National Grid`s Involvement in Specific Schemes for Carbon Capture in Yorkshire and Humberside”) that, in addition to the White Rose project, two other potential users of the Yorkshire and Humber CCS Pipeline are identified – the Don Valley Power Project (“DVPP”) and the North Killingholme generating station.

The Secretary of State would be grateful for an update on the likelihood of DVPP and North Killingholme connecting to the Pipeline project (noting that Document 7.4 records for the latter project that “[a]t this stage National Grid does not have a formal commitment to develop transportation or storage solutions for C.GEN”.) The Secretary of State would also be grateful for indications of the probability of other CO2-emitting plant connecting to the Yorkshire and Humber CCS Pipeline. (The Secretary of State is aware that the Keadby II CCGT Plant is considering using the Pipeline project.)

- (ii) The Secretary of State would welcome any comments from the Applicant on how the provisions in EN-1 relating to Carbon Capture and Storage should be interpreted or applied in the circumstances where funding for the Carbon Capture Demonstration Programme has been withdrawn and there are no foreseeable demonstration projects in view.

**The deadline for any responses is 9 June 2016.**

Responses to the points outlined in this letter should be submitted by email to:- [yorkshumberccspipeline@infrastructure.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:yorkshumberccspipeline@infrastructure.gsi.gov.uk) . Please send any hard copy responses to the 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 Pipeline project page of the Planning Portal website as soon as possible after **9 June 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 CCS Pipeline and nothing in this letter is to be taken to imply what that decision might be.

Yours faithfully

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