
Response to DECC's letter dated 26 May 2016

**The Yorkshire and Humber (CCS Cross Country
Pipeline) Development Consent Order**

Dear Sirs,

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

We write in reference to your letter dated 26 May 2016 requesting responses on two matters of clarification, summarised as follows:

(i) “The Secretary of State would be grateful for an update on the likelihood of DVPP and North Killingholme connecting to the Pipeline project...”

and

(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be interpreted or applied in the circumstances where funding for the Carbon Capture Demonstration Programme has been withdrawn and there are no foreseeable demonstration projects in view.”

In response:

(i) National Policy Statement (NPS) EN-1 acknowledges that CCS is at an early stage of development and therefore very costly to build, it recognises therefore that the fitting of carbon capture technology will be unlikely without financial support for CCS demonstration. Given the recognised need for funding support National Grid is not in a position to comment on the financial viability of fitting carbon capture technology to new or existing power stations or their probability of connecting to the Pipeline; these are matters for individual emitters.

and

(ii) It is of course a matter for the SoS to determine the application of the relevant national policy framework and we would not seek to comment directly on this save to note the support in NPS EN-1 for CCS in terms of its recognition of the urgency of demonstrating CCS and the role CCS has in the move to a low carbon energy mix and assisting the UK meeting its climate change commitments. The project in respect of which the DCO application was made was and remains in accordance with EN-1 as it would provide the back-bone for a future CCS network into which emitters could connect, and without which new fossil fuel generators cannot come forward.

We look forward to receiving your decision on the DCO by 31st August 2016.

Yours sincerely,



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For and on behalf of **National Grid Carbon Limited**