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Dear Caroline

**EN070008: Viking CCS Pipeline – Procedural Deadline A**

Please find enclosed the information requested in the Examining Authority’s Rule 6 Letter dated 15 February 2024 at Procedural Deadline A. This submission includes:

- The Applicant’s proposed itinerary and locations for an Accompanied Site Inspection (submitted as a separate document);
- Written submissions on Examination procedure, including comments on the draft Examination Timetable and the agenda for Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1;
- Confirmation that the Applicant wishes to speak at the Preliminary Meeting.

**Examination Procedure**

The Applicant requests that the Examining Authority considers making the following changes to the proposed Examination Procedure for the reasons set out in the table below.

<b>Rule 6 Letter</b>	<b>Proposed Change</b>	<b>Reason for Request</b>
Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1 - Wednesday 27 March 2024	Opportunity for Applicant to provide brief overview of Proposed Development at the outset of the hearing	<p>The Applicant notes that Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1 is scheduled for 09:30am on Wednesday 27 March, before Issue Specific Hearing 1 on the draft Development Consent Order and strategic matters, which takes place in the afternoon.</p> <p>The Applicant considers that it may assist the Examining Authority and participants at Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1 if the Applicant had the opportunity to provide a short, high-level overview of the Proposed Development at the outset of Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1. The Applicant considers that would provide project-specific context for both CAH1 and ISH1 taking place that day.</p>

		<p>As such, the Applicant requests the opportunity to provide a short presentation by reference to slides, taking approximately 15 to 20 minutes.</p> <p>The Applicant would intend to submit the presentation to the Examining Authority at least a week in advance of the Preliminary Meeting.</p>
<p>Virtual Hearings - w/c Monday 15 July 2024</p>	<p>Hold as blended hearings</p>	<p>The Applicant notes that Issue Specific Hearing(s) are proposed to be held as virtual hearings in the week commencing 15 July 2024.</p> <p>The Applicant recognises the accessibility benefits and convenience for participants associated with virtual participation at hearings.</p> <p>However, the Applicant's strong preference would be for these hearings to be held in a blended format, with the option to attend in-person at each Issue Specific Hearing. The Applicant notes that these hearings are likely to relate to complex technical issues, potentially requiring a range of experts, which is easier to co-ordinate in person. The Applicant does not consider that this would cause prejudice to any other party.</p> <p>The Applicant therefore requests that any Issue Specific Hearings in the week commencing 15 July 2024 be held as blended hearings.</p>
<p>Other procedural decisions – request for composite track change dDCO at each deadline</p>	<p>The Applicant to provide a composite version of the dDCO at certain deadlines only</p>	<p>The Examining Authority has requested that, whenever changes are made to the drafting in the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO), the Applicant provide a composite track change version of the dDCO with all changes colour coded for each subsequent version of the dDCO.</p> <p>The Applicant recognises the benefit of displaying changes to the dDCO in this format. However, a composite track change version cannot be produced using comparison software and would therefore need to be prepared manually. This is a time-consuming exercise to be added to each deadline where an updated dDCO is submitted.</p> <p>The Applicant requests that the requirement to provide a composite track change version of the dDCO be amended, so that such a version is provided periodically during the Examination process. The Applicant suggests that a composite track change version of the dDCO could be provided at Deadlines 1, 4 and 7.</p>

Kind regards,  
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