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Dear Sir / Madam

We act on behalf of National Gas Transmission ("NGT"). We note that the Examining Authority has invited our Client to attend Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1, which is due to take place tomorrow. Our Client has therefore asked us to provide the Examining Authority with an update as to the status of its negotiations with the Applicant.

The Applicant and NGT have been in detailed discussions regarding the use of land and the LOGGS pipeline at the former Theddlethorpe facility for the Viking CCS Project, including both the permanent and temporary use of NGT's land. Discussions are ongoing, with agreement in principle having been reached on the main terms, but with certain key aspects and the overall arrangement yet to be concluded. The Applicant is aware that the strategic importance and future use of NGT's land and the National Transmission Systems must be safeguarded and, at this stage, the parties currently anticipate reaching agreement on an arrangement that adequately protects NGT's position (including through the inclusion of suitable protective provisions in the draft DCO) and which means that NGT's land interests will not be compulsorily acquired. As such, and given the advanced stage of negotiations, NGT is not proposing to attend CAH 1, although it reserves the right to attend future CA hearings if agreement is ultimately not reached.

Yours faithfully

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