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**Subject:** RE: Invitation to attend Issue Specific Hearing 2 on Tuesday 16 July

Dear Sir / Madam

As you are aware, we act for National Gas Transmission ("NGT").

Further to our recent correspondence in relation to the above, our Client and the Applicant have agreed the following joint update to the Examining Authority in relation to ISH 2 and 3:

*The Applicant and NGT have been continuing to engage in discussions to address the concerns raised in NGT's relevant representation. The Applicant and NGT are pleased to confirm that terms have now been agreed for a voluntary agreement between the parties that would resolve those concerns. The agreed terms are currently going through the Applicant's and NGT's respective corporate approval processes prior to signature. Provided that those agreements are completed, the Applicant would then update the draft DCO to include an agreed form of protective provisions for NGT, and NGT would withdraw its outstanding representation. It is anticipated that this will happen before Deadline 4. The Applicant has already made a number of changes to the application in its second change request (e.g. removal of Option 2 for the Theddlethorpe Facility) to reflect this advanced stage of negotiations.*

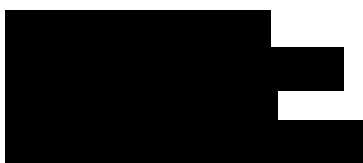
*NGT confirms that, in light of the progress outlined above, it will not attend ISH2 or ISH3. The parties will update the Examining Authority as to the position at Deadline 4. For the avoidance of doubt, in the meantime NGT maintains its objection pending the satisfactory resolution of its concerns.*

We have copied in the Applicant's solicitor for information.

If we can assist further, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Kind regards

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