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Dear Kevin and Natasha

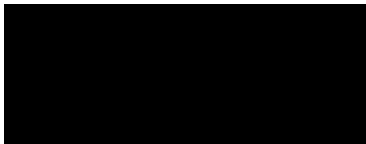
Apologies the date in the penultimate paragraph should be Friday 8 October.

Kinds regards

Kevin

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Dear Kevin and Natasha

As today is the deadline for the submission by interested parties to requests set out your letter dated 21 September, I am taking the opportunity to update you on the Applicant's negotiations with National Grid and WPD since my email of 23 September.

We held an all parties meeting on 30 September to discuss the remaining issues between the parties in a travelling draft agreement. The draft agreement is intended to make provision for the detailed programming of possession, access and works provided for in the National Grid (Hinkley Point C Connection Project) Order 2016 and the proposed Portishead Branch Line (MetroWest Phase 1) Order. The parties are also concluding the appropriate protective provisions for the draft Portishead Branch Line (MetroWest Phase 1) Order.

As of today's date not all the terms are settled but progress is being made and all the parties are working hard to achieve a resolution. In the event that terms are not settled and an engrossment agreement circulated by Friday 8 September, I will provide a further update on the state of the negotiations.

If I can be of any further assistance please contact me.

Kind regards

Kevin