Dear Ms Sully,

I write on behalf of the Applicant, Eggborough Power Limited, in respect of Deadline 1 of the Examination into the Eggborough CCGT Project.

I can confirm that the Applicant and its representatives wish to attend the Accompanied Site Inspection and intend to speak at the Open Floor, Issue Specific (draft DCO and Environmental Matters) and Compulsory Acquisition Hearings as appropriate.

The Examining Authority has requested that "Statements of Common ground including any updated versions" are submitted for Deadline 1 of the Examination. The Applicant has been in discussions with a number of bodies and organisations with regard to the preparation of Statements of Common Ground ('SoCG') and had originally understood (in accordance with the draft Examination Timetable) that these would be required by Deadline 2 of the Examination on the 1 November. The ExA's decision to bring forward the date for the submission of SoCG inevitably means that a number are not finalised and require further discussion with and/or review by the relevant bodies and organisations. Furthermore, a number of the ExA's First Written Questions relate to matters with the SoCG that are still the subject of discussion with the relevant bodies/organisations.

Notwithstanding the above, the Applicant has submitted (under cover of this email) agreed or draft SoCG with all of the bodies listed at Annex A, Section 5 of the ExA's Rule 8 letter, with the exception of North Yorkshire Council ('NYCC') and Selby District Council ('SDC'), the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust ('YWT') and the Health and Safety Executive ('HSE'). The status of the SoCG and the reasons why SoCG with NYCC/SDC, the YWT and the HSE have not been submitted for Deadline 1 are set out in the table below.

Document Ref. Body/Organisation Status of Statement of Common Ground ('SoCG')

Revision No. Date

7.1 North Yorkshire County Council & Selby District Council The Applicant and Local Authorities ('LAs') have been in discussions in respect of the preparation of a SoCG and the Local Impact Report ('LIR'). The Applicant and LAs have a good working relationship and have been working to the original timetable of providing a SoCG and LIR by Deadline 2. The parties consider that the Examination will be best assisted by the Examining Authority ('ExA') receiving both documents at Deadline 2 of the Examination, at which point it is anticipated that there will be fewer issues remaining between the parties and the SoCG will be much more advanced and closer to being finalised.

n/a n/a

7.2 Highways England Agreed and signed.

Rev. 3.006.09.17

7.3 The Environment Agency

Draft incorporating comments received from the Environment Agency ('EA'). The EA is carrying out a further review of the SoCG. It is anticipated that an updated draft will be submitted at Deadline 2.

Rev. 2.010.10.17

7.4 Historic England Agreed and signed.

Rev. 4.010.10.17

7.5 The Coal Authority Agreed. Issued to the Coal Authority for signature.

Rev. 3.009.10.17

7.6 Canal & River Trust Draft taking account of comments received from Canal & River Trust ('CRT') at a meeting on 04.09.17 and subsequent comments from its legal department. CRT is carrying out a further review and the Applicant is reviewing CRT's Code of Practice. It is anticipated that an updated draft will be submitted at Deadline 2.

Rev. 2.008.10.17

7.7 Natural EnglandAgreed and signed.

Rev. 1.025.07.17

7.8 Civil Aviation Authority Agreed and signed.

Rev. 2.009.10.17

7.9 National Grid Gas Plc & National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc

Draft has been issued to National Grid Gas Plc and National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc. It is anticipated that an updated draft will be submitted at Deadline 2.

Rev. 1.010.09.17

7.10 Marine Management Organisation

Draft has been issued to the Marine Management Organisation for review. It is anticipated that an updated draft will be submitted at Deadline 2.

Rev. 2.010.10.17

7.11 Yorkshire Wildlife Trust A meeting is to be held with the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust ('YWT') on 12.10.17 to discuss its Relevant Representation following which the Applicant will prepare a draft SoCG for discussion with the YWT. It is anticipated that a draft SoCG will be submitted at Deadline 2.

n/a n/a

7.12 Sport England Agreed and signed. Submitted with the Application on 30.05.17.

Rev. 1.018.05.17

7.13 Health & Safety Executive The HSE has stated (most recently in its Relevant Representation) that it is not able to engage further and that "It is for the applicant themselves to be satisfied (using external expertise if necessary) that their design and operation will meet the requirements of health and safety legislation as the project progresses." The ExA's Rule 8 letter notes that a SoCG with the HSE "is tentative". In view of this the Applicant does not intend to produce a SoCG but is instead producing a report that will provide the information referred to in the HSE's Relevant Representation. It is anticipated that this report will be submitted at Deadline 2.

n/a n/a

I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt of this email.

Yours sincerely

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