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Dear Mr Nash,

**Discharge of Requirements - Willington C Gas Pipeline Development Consent Order.
Requirements 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 12 and 13.**

Please find enclosed a Discharge of Requirement application, submitted on behalf of Calon Energy, for Requirements attached to the Willington C Gas Pipeline Development Consent order.

Introduction

The Willington C Gas Pipeline Order 2014 was made the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change on 16 December 2014. The order came into force on 7 January 2015 and will expire on 7 January 2020 if the authorised development does not commence.

The DCO grants consent for the construction, and operation, of a 27 km long (approx.) buried gas pipeline running from a new connection with the National Gas Transmission System near Yoxall, Staffordshire to the Willington C Power Station site at Willington, Derbyshire. On completion the Pipeline will supply gas to the consented Willington C Gas Power Station.

The authorised development also includes the following permanent works:

- An Above Ground Installation (AGI) at Yoxall which would contain controls, valves, instruments and pipeline access facilities within a landscaped, secured compound.
- Permanent access to the Yoxall AGI.
- A Block Valve, and associated equipment, within the Willington Power Station site. Please note the Willington Block Valve is now known as the Willington AGI.

Associated works, to be in place during the construction period, have also been granted consent including:

- Temporary construction compounds at Yoxall, Carriers Road and Willington Power Station.
- Temporary access roads / works.
- A temporary anglers car park
- Temporary bridges / culverts

To ensure the order does not expire, works need to commence on part of the authorised development. The Willington AGI at the Willington Power Station site has been identified as the

most suitable location for Early Enabling Works to commence the authorised development. Therefore, the detailed design of a scheme of Early Enabling Works has been prepared by the project team. Works on the wider scheme are expected to commence in mid/late 2020.

The following Early Enabling Works are proposed:

- Clearing and levelling AGI area measuring approximately 70m x 40m;
- Excavation to allow installation and construction of a permanent steel fence with gated access for vehicles and pedestrians measuring approximately 220 m x 2.4 m;
- Excavation to prepare the construction of an AGI maintenance road within the fence line of the AGI, approximately 50m x 4m;
- Excavation and installation of approximately 70 m of pipework to connect into the existing drainage network from AGI and;
- Construction of five concrete foundation bases to the approximate dimensions as follows:
 - 8 m x 9 m Filter Unit Skid concrete foundation base;
 - 12 m x 5.5 m Metering Skid concrete foundation base;
 - 4 m x 3 m Instrumentation Kiosk concrete foundation base;
 - 15 m x 3 m Pig Trap concrete foundation base and;
 - 3.5 m x 3 m piping concrete foundation base.

Requirements

When determining a Development Consent Order, the relevant Secretary of State has the option of attaching Requirements to the Order. Requirements function in much the same way as Conditions on a planning application, by requiring the developer to conform to certain standards (e.g. time frame, working hours, delivery routes) and submit additional details on a wide range of matters (e.g. ecology mitigation, archaeological investigations, noise mitigation, highways mitigation, dust mitigation). Additional details are submitted via Discharge of Requirement applications. Although Development Consent Orders are determined at the national level, Discharge of Requirement applications are determined at the local level, by the Local Planning Authority.

As agreed during your pre-application meeting with Calon Energy on 28 August 2019 the fee and determination period will be the same as those for standard Discharge of Condition applications.

This submission is the first in a series of Discharge of Requirement applications that will be made in the coming weeks. This submission seeks to discharge Requirement 3, 12 and 13 and provides details of the Requirements that do not require detailed submissions at this Stage of the scheme.

The following documents are enclosed:

- Requirement 3 - Stages of Authorised Development (Doc Ref: WCGP DOR3)
- Willington Pipeline AGI General Arrangement Layout rev 02 (Drawing Number: UKP/WLC/1001/AP1)
- Willington AGI Early Enabling Works (Doc Ref: WCGP DRS1.2)
- SDDC Stage 1 Early Enabling Works Submission Tracker

Requirements to be Discharged

The following section provides details, alongside the documents and drawings listed above, for the Discharge of Requirements 3, 12 and 13.

Requirement 3 – Stages of Authorised Development

Requirement 3 requires the submission of a written scheme setting out all the relevant stages of the authorised development. As discussed and agreed during the pre-application meeting referenced above, the submitted Written Scheme has been prepared to enable to commencement of Stage 1 (Early Enabling Works) only. More detail on this approach, and the proposed Written Scheme of Stage are set on in the document 'Requirement 3 – Stages of Authorised Development'

Requirement 12 – Soil Handling

Requirement 12 requires the submission, before the commencement of each stage of works, of a written scheme to deal with the management of soil within the works limits of that stage. The written scheme is required to include an investigation and assessment report giving details of soil types and appropriate measures relating to the stripping, storage, handling, reinstatement and restoration of soils.

It is considered that this Requirement is relevant to the authorised buried pipeline only. The pipeline will be buried within agricultural land along the majority of the approved route. As such extensive stripping, storage, handling, reinstatement and restoration of soil will be required. Within the Early Enabling Works site the works will be largely above ground, with no stripping, storage, handling, reinstatement and restoration of soils required.

A separate Requirement (Requirement 10) requires the submission of details of how any contaminated land and groundwater will be dealt with within the Early Enabling Works area.

Requirement 13 – Agricultural Land Drainage

Requirement 13 requires the submission, before the commencement of each stage of works, a written scheme to deal with Agricultural Land Drainage within the works limits for that stage. The proposed Early Enabling Works will take place on former railway sidings within the Power Station site. There is no agricultural land within, or adjacent to the works area. The closest agricultural land is located outside the boundaries of the wider Power Station site.

Details of surface water drainage and discharge for the site more generally will be submitted Discharge Requirement 10.

Requirements not relevant to Early Enabling Works.

The Requirements detailed below require the submission of information that is not relevant to the proposed Early Enabling Works. Therefore, detailed submissions are not required at this stage.

Requirement 4 – Detailed Design Approval

Requirement 4 requires the submission of detailed design (layout, scale, external appearance) information prior to the commencement of the following works; Yoxall AGI; Temporary Works Compounds at (Yoxall, Carriers Road, Willington Power Station); pipeline route alignment and; the construction corridor.

Taking into account the relatively small scale of the works proposed, it is not considered that it will be necessary to make use of the approved Willington Power Station Temporary Works Compound



at this stage. The Power Station Site remains vacant, with no works on the consented power station planned while Stage 1 works are underway. Consequently, existing laydown / storage areas and welfare facilities can be utilised.

No works are taking place at Yoxall AGI, along the pipeline route or within the identified construction corridor.

Requirement 5 – Landscaping

Requirement 5 requires the submission of a landscaping scheme (and implementation timetable) before the commencement of works at the Yoxall AGI only. The submission of landscaping details is not required for any other part. No works are taking place at the Yoxall AGI at this stage.

Requirement 6 – Hedgerows and Trees

Requirement 6 requires, before the commencement of any works involving the felling or lopping of trees and shrubs, the submission of a Hedgerow and Tree Management Plan. No works to trees or hedgerows will be taking place at this stage. As set out in the Environment Statement, no hedgerows / trees have been identified within the area (for location see: Willington Pipeline AGI General Arrangement Layout rev 02) where the Early Enabling Works will take place.

Requirement 8 – Publics Rights of Way

Requirement 8 requires, before the commencement of relevant works, the submission of an implementation plan for the diversion of Staffordshire County Council Footpath 59 (located at the Yoxall AGI) and a written plan for the temporary closure / diversion of any other Public Right of Way affected by the works.

No works are taking place at the Yoxall AGI and there are no Public Rights of Way within the Willington Power Station site. The proposed Early Enabling Works will therefore not affect any Public Right of Way.

Conclusion

This letter outlines the proposed Early Enabling Works and supports the application to discharge Requirement 3, 12 and 13 of the Willington C Gas Pipeline Order and provides summary details of Requirements (4, 5, 6, and 8) that are not directly relevant to the early enabling works proposed.

This letter, and the following documents and drawings; Requirement 3 - Stages of Authorised Development; Willington Pipeline AGI General Arrangement Layout rev 02 and; Willington AGI Early Enabling Works, meet the stipulations of Requirement 3 and sets out written schemes for Requirements 12 and 13. Therefore, it is requested that these Requirement are duly discharge.

Yours faithfully

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