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Subject: Sizewell C DCO - Network Rail Infrastructure Limited - Status of negotiations and attendance

at hearings [ADDGDD-Live.FID3214222]

Dear Sir or Madam

**IP Reference: 20026630** 

I write to you on behalf of my client Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (**Network Rail**) in relation to the Sizewell C DCO Project.

## **Status of negotiations with Promoter**

Network Rail and the Promoter continue to work together to enter into a private agreement to regulate mitigations to the network, and which would allow Network Rail to withdraw its objection to the Project. Unfortunately, this agreement is still not yet in place. Therefore, all of Network Rail's concerns, set out in its written representation and as referred to at the Issue Specific Hearing, still apply.

Network Rail would like to make the Examiner aware that where possible it has assisted the Promoter to enable the success of the Project, both prior to and during the Examination period, and it is believed a private agreement can be reached to mitigate Network Rail's concerns. Therefore, Network Rail has (to date) only provided fairly high level summaries of its concerns, and to save time and costs for all parties, has kept its involvement in the DCO process to the minimum.

On that basis, and given that the private agreement is close to being agreed, Network Rail will not be attending the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing. If however, the parties are unable to complete the private agreement prior to Deadline 7, Network Rail will submit a detailed summary of its concerns and proposed ways in which the DCO drafting could address those concerns, in its responses to the Examiner's Second Written Questions.

Given that there is only one element still to be agreed under the agreement, Network Rail is hopeful that this will not be necessary, and it can withdraw its objection ahead of Deadline 7.

## **Issue Specific Hearings**

Network Rail will also no longer be attending ISH8 as an interested party.

I would be grateful if you could please confirm safe receipt of this submission.

Kind regards

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