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Dear Jonathan Martin,

**Progress Power (Gas Fired Power Station) Order 2015 (as amended) (“DCO”) – S.I. 1570
– Proposed Non-Material Change Application**

Regulation 7(3) of the Infrastructure Planning (Changes to, and Revocation of, Development Consent Orders) Regulations 2011 - Written consent from the Secretary of State for not consulting a person or authority

1. Thank you for your email and letter of 3 November 2025 on behalf of Progress Power Limited (“the Applicant”). The email and letter of 3 November 2025 provided a description of the proposed changes, the reasons for the proposed changes, the proposed reduced consultee list, and a list of the parties consulted on the original application in respect to the Progress Power (Gas Fired Power Station) Order 2015 (“the Order”), and as corrected by the Progress Power (Gas Fired Power Station) (Correction) Order 2016. The letter requested the Secretary of State’s consent under Regulation 7(3) of the Infrastructure Planning (Changes to, and Revocation of, Development Consent Orders) Regulations 2011 (as amended) (“the 2011 Regulations”) to a reduced list of consultees.
2. A non-material change (“NMC”) application from the Applicant was made on 11 November 2016 (“NMC1”). A second NMC application from the Applicant was subsequently made on 27 July 2020 (“NMC2”). The Original Order as amended by NMC1 and NMC2 is referred to herein as the “Amended Order”. The Applicant has now proposed a third NMC (“NMC3”) to the Amended Order, relating to Work No.5 and Work No.7. The letter provides the following description of the changes sought:
 - a) Work No.5: The Amended Order currently provides, in Article 6(1)(a), that Work No. 5 is for the benefit of both the Applicant and National Grid Electricity Transmission (“NGET”). However, given that NGET are now entirely responsible for the construction and operation of the Substation (i.e. PPL is no longer involved in Work No. 5) the Applicant proposed, via NMC3, to amend the Amended Order so that the benefit of Work No. 5 is for NGET only. Consequential amendments have been made by the Applicant to Article 2 and to reflect that National Grid Gas plc is now called National Gas Transmission plc.

- b) Work No.7: the Applicant proposed to retain the provisions in the Amended Order relating to the Substation Access and, via NMC3, remove the access works in relation to A140 to Leys Lane from Work No. 7 and make the necessary consequential amendments to the Amended Order.
3. The Applicant proposes to consult four parties:
- Mid Suffolk District Council (as the local authority)
 - Suffolk County Council (as the local highway authority)
 - NGET (affected by changes to Work No.5)
 - National Gas Transmission Plc (affected by changes to Work No.5)
4. The Secretary of State is satisfied that the consultees proposed by the Applicant for consultation should be consulted, noting the nature of the proposed changes as set out at paragraph 2 above.
5. The Secretary of State is satisfied that it is not necessary for other consultees from the Order to be included in the reduced consultee list, as they are not directly affected, either because the proposed amendments will not affect their interests or because their interests relate to a different part of the scheme.
6. Accordingly, the Secretary of State gives written consent for the consultation to proceed in accordance with the details set out above, under regulation 7(3) of the 2011 Regulations. In taking this decision, the Secretary of State acknowledges that notice of the Application will be provided by the Applicant, in line with the requirements in Regulation 6 of the 2011 Regulations.
7. The Secretary of State's written consent in this matter should not be taken as indicating approval for any other aspects of the proposed changes to the Order, which fall to him for consideration and determination, or whether the proposed changes will ultimately be regarded as material or not.

Yours sincerely,

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Head of Planning

On behalf of the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero