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**By Courier**

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**FAO: Mark Sewell**

Dear Sir,

**RE: TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990**

**SCOTTISHPOWER, HATFIELD MOOR AND HATFIELD WEST GAS STORAGE FACILITY**

Please find enclosed an application for planning permission, submitted on behalf of ScottishPower Generation Limited (SPGL) for the continued use of the existing Hatfield Moor reservoir for natural gas (gas) storage and extraction, the retention of the Lindholme gas processing facility (GPF) and retention of all existing infrastructure associated with Hatfield Moor; development of the existing Hatfield West reservoir for the storage and extraction of gas; drilling of an appraisal well and 2 no. production wells with related plant and equipment; development of an underground gas pipeline from the wellhead HM-02 and an above ground gas pipeline from the wellhead HM-03, both to the Lindholme GPF; modifications and additions to the existing GPF including a secondary gas turbine driven compressor; temporary facilities associated with drilling activities; and appropriate landscaping and biodiversity enhancement measures.

The Government has recognised that energy infrastructure is part of an essential national service which all locations share. It has also confirmed that there is a clear national need for new gas storage infrastructure and recognised that it is possible to provide onshore underground gas storage in certain geological strata, which are present in a limited number of locations. It has also been acknowledged that there will be a continuing and growing role for gas storage, which contributes to helping to meet demand quantitatively as well as assisting in maintaining security, flexibility and short term response capability.



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The application is accompanied by 3 paper copies and 12 CD copies of the following documents:

Environmental Statement Volume 1

- Main Environmental Statement Text

Environmental Statement Volume 2

Environmental Statement – appendices listed below

- A – Summary of Scoping Responses, Scoping Responses and Scoping Report
- B – Noise Assessment Calculations
- C – Archaeology Assessment Report
- D – Archaeology Geophysical Report
- E – Landscape Character and Representative Viewpoint Photographs
- F – Flood Risk Assessment
- G – Air Quality Technical Report
- H – Ecological Reports
- I – Planning Policies

Environmental Statement Non-Technical Summary

Planning Application Documents

1. Covering Letter
2. Minerals Application Form, Certificates and Notices
  - Mineral Application Forms including Annexes 1 and 5
  - Certificate Under Article 7 and Agricultural Holdings Certificate
  - Certificate C
  - Notice Under Article 6 (newspaper and land owners)
  - Notice Under Article 6 (site)
3. Schedule of Main Plant
4. Schedule of Drawings
5. Drawings
  - Planning Drawing 01 Rev 00 - Location Plan
  - Planning Drawing 02 Rev 00 - Application Site Plan
  - Planning Drawing 03 Rev 00 - Site Plan
  - Planning Drawing 04 Rev 00 - Working Plan
  - 09.6025.001.GLA/P/FIG 3.1 Rev 0 - Proposed Site Layout
  - 09.6025.001.GLA/P/FIG3.2 - Drilling Compound Layout Indicative Plan and Elevation
  - 09.6025.001.GLA/P/FIG3.3 Rev 0 - Indicative Gas Wellhead Layout
  - 09.6025.001.GLA/P/FIG3.6 - Indicative Site Office Building
  - 09.6025.001.GLA/P/FIG3.7 - Lindholme Gas Processing Plant
6. Planning Statement
7. Statement of Publicity and Consultation

Also enclosed is the application fee of £65,000 by way of a cheque made payable to Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council.

SPGL held public exhibitions on 28/29 November 2008 at the Lindholme Prison Learning Centre and the Hatfield Village Hall, providing an opportunity for local residents to view exhibition boards presenting background information on the proposed development and to meet with members of the project team. Further exhibitions on 8/9 May 2009 were held at the Hatfield Village Hall.

On 21 January 2009 letters were sent to property owners within the Hatfield West reservoir boundary, providing details of SPGL's land agent (DDM) and advice that landowners and occupiers would be contacted shortly to discuss the proposals, which in fact was undertaken.

Notice of this application was erected on site in various locations on 17 September 2009 and appeared in the Doncaster Free Press and the Doncaster Star on 17 and 24 September 2009; the latter extended the period for making representations to 16 October 2009. Landowners and tenants of agricultural holdings were served notice of the application by Special Delivery on 17 September 2009.

Please be aware that SPGL intends to submit an application for hazardous substance consent to store gas which will be lodged with the Council later this year.

If you have any queries regarding this application please contact Barry Murphy at this office. Meanwhile will you kindly acknowledge receipt of this application and register it at an early date.

Yours faithfully



**DALTON WARNER DAVIS LLP**