Reference Ulverston CPO

Date 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Mr Colin Whittaker The Estate Office Fiddler Hall Newby Bridge Cumbria LA12 8NQ

Dear Mr. Whittaker,

## The Cadent Gas Limited (Whassett to Barrow High Pressure Gas Pipeline Diversion) Compulsory Purchase Order 2023 (the "Order") and the pipeline diversion project (the "Project")

I am writing to thank you and your client Mr. Mark Woods for your time during the site meeting on Wednesday 25 October 2023.

During this meeting, my colleague and I along with our appointed land agent set out the details of the Project and addressed each of the items referred to in your client's objection dated 7 August 2023 (the "**Objection**"). At this meeting, we re-provided the details in relation to the matters that were subject to the Objection (which it had previously provided in 2021) and I understood that the technical details were accepted and approved by your client.

I understood that at the end of this meeting, your client was content to withdraw the Objection provided that the fees position was settled, which has now been addressed. A joint statement was subsequently prepared and issued to you by our appointed land agent to secure that withdrawal. However, a response to this correspondence has not been received to date.

Given that the date for the public inquiry into the Order has been fixed, my colleagues and I now need to prepare to present our case in front of the Inspector.

As previously confirmed, the costs incurred by your client in making and sustaining the Objection will not be reimbursed by Cadent by us. This includes time incurred in the preparation of documentation and attendance at the public inquiry. It will be for you and your client to argue your client's case in relation to the Objection at the public inquiry.

However, I would like to make you aware that as the Objection has instigated the public inquiry process, this is likely to prevent us mobilising for the Project in 2024.

I have also been in negotiations with your client's Landlord to secure a voluntary agreement in respect of the Project and I am optimistic that these negotiations are nearing conclusion.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on

if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

Tom Bowling

Cc to: [Mr Mark Woods, [

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