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PINS Ref: EN010164
Xlinks Ref: XLIN-APL001

Date: 14th May 2025

Dear Mrs Boyle,

PINS Ref. EN010164 – Pause Request

The Applicant, Xlinks 1 Limited, is requesting a pause in the development consent order ('DCO') application process ahead of the Examination proceedings for Xlinks' Morocco-UK Power Project (the 'Project').

The Project has been included in the UK's strategic vision in 2022 and was recognised in 2023 as a project of national significance. The Applicant has been working with the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero ('DESNZ') on the Project's request for a Contract for Difference ('CfD').

The Applicant is awaiting an update from DESNZ on whether it wishes to progress a CfD for the Project. With this decision pending, and the possibility that the outcome could require revisions to the DCO application documents and additional consultation, the Applicant is seeking to ensure that interested parties can consider changes if required, so the Examination is fair and reasonable for all.

The Applicant considers that a pause is reasonable in the exceptional circumstances that are beyond the control of either the Examining Authority or the Applicant. The Applicant believes that a pause would enable the Examination process to proceed in the most efficient and robust manner, while ensuring that the Project is able to then progress through the DCO process at pace, ensuring its contribution to net zero and the resilience of the UK's electricity supply can be realised at the earliest opportunity, post an update from DESNZ on the CfD process.

The Applicant proposes to maintain regular contact with the Planning Inspectorate and interested parties during a pause period to ensure the Applicant maintains the ongoing open and collaborative relationships that have been established to date.

The Applicant extends its appreciation of the support and positive engagement with the Planning Inspectorate and for your prompt review and consideration of this matter. We remain at your disposal for further discussion or provision of additional information.

Yours faithfully



Sam Mercer

Senior Project Manager - DCO