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Dear Ms Mazaheri

AGL Newcastle Gas Power Station Project

I refer to our previous discussions in relation to the pipeline licensing requirements for this project.

Thank you for the opportunity to consider the pipeline licensing requirements for this project. Following consultation with AGL the Energy Networks Team considers that the pipelines that are proposed to be constructed as part of the Newcastle Gas Power Station Project will be operated as a pipeline system.

The five kilometre pipeline proposed as part of the project will be located largely within the existing pipeline corridors that run between the existing Newcastle Gas Storage Facility and the proposed Newcastle Gas Power Station.

Consequently the Department is seeking to regulate these assets under the existing provisions of the Pipelines Act 1967.

In assessing this project, the Department is seeking to ensure any conditions of consent will include the requirement for the pipeline systems to be licensed.

The Department will assist AGL to either seek a variation to the existing pipeline licence or, in the case of the five kilometre pipeline, apply for a new pipeline licence under the *Pipelines Act 1967*.

The Energy Networks Team will also inform AGL directly of the licensing requirements and the options for meeting these requirements.

If you have questions relating to these issues please contact Warren Woodhouse, Senior Technical Advisor 8275 1932 or email warren.woodhouse@planning.nsw.gov.au. The Energy Networks Team is also available to meet to discuss these items if required.

Yours sincerely

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