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Dear Ms Baker

Gloucester Gas Project – Supplementary Director-General's Requirements

I refer to your letter on behalf of AGL Gloucester Pty Ltd (the Proponent) dated 11 August 2009 identifying changes to the Gloucester Gas Project for which concept plan and concurrent project approval is being sought. The changes involve:

- the inclusion of an alternative location for the construction of the Central Processing Facility on the basis that only one location would be developed;
- inclusion of a small scale 15 megawatt ancillary power station facility within the footprint of the Central Processing Facility;
- inclusion of a construction workforce camp for drilling activities in the Stage 1 Gas Field Development Area and during the construction of the gas pipeline; and
- minor amendments to the alignment of the gas pipeline corridor.

The Director-General confirms that the environmental assessment requirements issued on 26 August 2008 and 19 October 2008 would apply to the amended project including to the transmission line connection for the ancillary power station facility.

Furthermore, the following additional requirements would apply to the ancillary power station component:

- a comprehensive air quality impact assessment prepared in accordance with the *Approved Methods for Modelling and Assessment of Air Pollutants in NSW* (DEC 2005), with particular focus on nitrogen oxides and particulates. The assessment must consider worst-case operating scenarios and meteorological conditions and potential cumulative impacts from surrounding mining operations;
- an assessment of potential operational noise impacts consistent with *NSW Industrial Noise Policy* (EPA, 2000); and
- consideration of potential risks to aviation safety from stack emissions.

You must ensure that the Environmental Assessment adequately addresses the Director-General's requirements issued on 26 August 2008, 19 October 2008 and the requirements identified in this letter.

If you have any enquiries about these requirements, please contact Ms Dinuka McKenzie, Senior Environmental Planning Officer, Major Infrastructure Assessments on 02 9228 6348 or via email (dinuka.mckenzie@planning.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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