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Dear Ms Maybee,

Thank you for your email of 29 December 2017 where you requested the following information:

I wish to request copies of all correspondence this year (2017) between BEIS and UKOOG, Third Energy, Barclays Bank and any others seeking permission to frack at Kirby Misperton, Yorkshire.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'), you have the right to:

- know whether we hold the information you require
- be provided with that information (subject to any exemptions under the Act which may apply).

The Department holds some of the information you requested. However, from our preliminary assessment, it is clear that we will not be able to answer your request without exceeding the cost limit of £600 provided under section 12 of the Act. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3.5 working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. The Act provides that we are not obliged to comply with requests where the estimated cost of complying would exceed this limit.

In order to provide you with the information on the scale that you have requested would require the Department to check all correspondence we have had with UKOOG, Third Energy, Barclays Bank and any other person to see if they have written about seeking permission to frack at Kirby Misperton. We estimate that it will take us in excess of 3.5 working days to determine appropriate material and locate, retrieve and extract the information in reference to your request. Therefore, your request will not be processed further.

You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain, including any dates or period of time relevant to the information required. You could, for example, focus on a particular policy team or business area within the Department and reduce the time period that you wish to obtain information for.

Appeals procedure

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original request and should be addressed to the Information Rights Unit:

Information Rights Unit
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

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