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Benjamin Dean

By email to: request-560693-897bb271@whatdotheyknow.com

Our ref: FOI-2019-0018

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Dear Mr Dean,

Thank you for your email of **14 March 2019** in which you requested:

"Please answer yes or no to the following question.

When assessing Third Energies financial viability and financial capacity for its Work Retention Area Plan for its licenses AL006, DL006, PL079, PL080, PL081 and PEDL177 as published in your December 2018 spreadsheet were your financial viability and capacity tests as detailed in your Financial Guidance publication dated 8 August 2018 satisfied by Third Energy providing a Guarantor."

We have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (**FOIA**) and, where relevant, the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (**EIR**).

The OGA carries out financial assessments at various points during a licence lifecycle. These include licence award, licence assignment, change of control, drilling consent and field development consent. The OGA may require a Parent Company Guarantee as part of its financial assessment of a licensee.

An application for a Retention Area Work Plan (such as those applied for by Third Energy) does not trigger a financial assessment.

Therefore, the requested information is not held by the OGA.

This concludes the OGA's handling of your request.

Appeals Procedure

If you are unhappy with the way the OGA has handled your request, you may request an internal review. A request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of receipt of the response to your request and should be



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Please quote the reference number above in any future communications with regard to this request.

If you are unhappy with the outcome of the internal review, you may contact the Information Commissioner at www.ico.org.uk or at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

FOI Officer.