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Dear Ms Hayhurst

Thank you for your 19 emails of 13 September in which you requested:

"Dear Oil and Gas Authority,

Please provide details of any variation agreed by the OGA to the work programme of the following licences issued to Ineos Upstream Limited under the 14th round:

PEDL272 "
PEDL280 "
PELD282 "
PEDL283 "
PEDL284 "
PEDL285 "
PEDL289 "
PEDL291 "
PEDL292 "
PEDL293 "
PEDL294 "
PEDL295 "
PEDL296 "
PEDL299 "
PEDL300 "
PEDL301 "
PEDL303 "
PEDL304 "
PEDL307 "
PEDL308 "
PEDL309 "
PEDL311 "
PEDL332 "
PEDL349 "
PEDL257 Island Gas Limited and IGas Energy Enterprise Limited
PEDL273 "
PEDL278 "
PEDL305 "
PEDL316 "
PEDL317 "
PEDL326 "



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PEDL337 "
PEDL265 Alkane Energy
PEDL274 "
PEDL277 "
PEDL279 "
PEDL281 "
PEDL310 "
PEDL320 South Western Energy Limited
PEDL321 "
PEDL327 "
PEDL329 "
PEDL344 "
PEDL258 Egdon Resources UK Limited
PEDL306 "
PEDL334 "
PEDL339 "
PEDL324 Cirque Energy (UK)
PEDL335 "
PEDL336 "
PEDL348 "
PEDL287 Cuadrilla South Cleveland Limited
PEDL288 "
PEDL346 "
PEDL442 "
PEDL290 Cuadrilla North Cleveland Limited
PEDL333 "
PEDL347 "
PEDL276 Cuadrilla Gainsborough Limited
PEDL264 Hutton Energy Limited
PEDL269 "
PEDL275 "
PEDL312 "
PEDL263 Warwick Energy Exploration Limited
PEDL298 "
PEDL302 "
PEDL266 Osprey Oil and Gas Limited:
PEDL268 "
PEDL271 "
PEDL261 Aurora Energy Resources Ltd:
PEDL262 "
PEDL267 "
PEDL259 Third Energy UK Gas Limited:
PEDL443 "
PEDL330 Corallian Energy Limited:
PEDL345 "
PEDL313 Blackland Park Exploration Limited:
PEDL315 "
PEDL331 UK Oil & Gas plc.
PEDL328 Perenco UK Limited
PEDL314 Aberdeen Hydrocarbon Development Limited.
PEDL260 Reach Coal Seam Gas Ltd.
PEDL 297 Norcross Group (Holdings) Limited.."

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



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Of the licences you have listed, changes have only been made to eleven (as listed below) where the OGA has extended the drill or drop decision date from two years to the end of initial term.

Licence	Operator
PEDL257	ISLAND GAS LIMITED
PEDL260	REACH COAL SEAM GAS LIMITED
PEDL262	AURORA ENERGY RESOURCES LIMITED
PEDL263	WARWICK ENERGY EXPLORATION LIMITED
PEDL267	AURORA ENERGY RESOURCES LIMITED
PEDL268	OSPREY OIL AND GAS LIMITED
PEDL293	INEOS UPSTREAM LIMITED
PEDL295	INEOS UPSTREAM LIMITED
PEDL298	WARWICK ENERGY EXPLORATION LIMITED
PEDL302	WARWICK ENERGY EXPLORATION LIMITED
PEDL339	EGDON RESOURCES U.K. LIMITED

In each case, in agreeing to the extension, the OGA wrote to each company setting out the changes as follows:

“The model clauses which apply are set out in Schedule 2 to The Petroleum Licensing (Exploration and Production) (Landward Areas) Regulations 2014 (S.I. 1686/2014).

In particular, clause 4 of the Licence sets out:

Determination of Licence during Initial Term where a Drill-or-Drop Period is specified

4. (1) Where a Drill-or-Drop Period is specified, this licence shall, unless the Minister [the OGA] in his discretion decides otherwise, automatically



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cease and determine on the expiry of that period in the event of failure by the Licensee before the expiry of that period to-

- (a) take the actions that are described in Part 1 of the Work Programme; and*
 - (b) undertake to complete on or before the expiry of the Initial Term the work described in Part 2 of the Work Programme.*
- (2) In this clause, "Drill-or-Drop Period" means the period (if any) specified as such in Schedule 5 to this Licence.*

*[Pursuant to Schedule 5, the Drill-or-Drop Period will expire on 20 July 2018 being the period of **two years** beginning with the Start Date (21 July 2016).]*

*In accordance with clause 4.1 of the Licence the OGA hereby exercise its discretion such that the Drill-or-Drop Period is now the period of **five years** beginning from the Start Date (i.e. by the end of the Initial Term).*

I would like to point out that, among other things, the Licensee is obliged to complete the work programme before the expiry of the Initial Term (as provided for under clause 5(1)(b) of the Licence)."

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 addressed to: FOI Manager, Oil and Gas Authority, 21 Bloomsbury Street, London, WC1B 3HF Email: foirequests@ogauthority.co.uk

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.