

3. Our Draft Determination not to fund WWU Hyline Cymru

- *Q1, Do you agree with our Draft Determination not to provide funding for the WWU Hyline Cymru project FEED study?*

4. East Coast Projects Needs Cases

- *Q2, do you agree with our assessment of the Needs cases for the three East Coast FEED studies?*

RWE wholeheartedly supports the East Coast Projects: namely, Cadent East Coast North, NGN East Coast and NGT Project Union.

RWE recognises that the East Coast Projects will connect the large important industrial clusters of Teesside and Humber and additionally, key offtakers and inland industrial regions alongside the pipeline routes and is supportive of this.

RWE's view is that a hydrogen backbone is essential and necessary for an inclusive and successful hydrogen economy. Enabling the connection between hydrogen production, demand and storage plus other distribution networks creates a landscape for hydrogen uptake to be accelerated; it is inclusive for all hydrogen offtakers irrespective of size and geography.

Such an integrated network with storage is particularly helpful for Green Hydrogen production; the intermittency of renewable generation can be managed and hydrogen generation can be optimised to align with lower renewable energy prices in the market. This benefits both the producer, offtaker and Government since the LCOH (Levelised Cost of Hydrogen) can be minimised whilst still ensuring uninterrupted / baseload green hydrogen delivery.

RWE's Wilton Green Hydrogen project will benefit from the East Coast Projects and in turn offtakers and industry. The East Coast Projects would significantly support the continued and scale development of the site (up to 1,000 MWe); enabling green hydrogen to be connected to offtakers nationally, together with the benefits that network connected storage would bring to both production optimisation and offtaker load profiles / security of supply. Furthermore, access to multiple offtakers helps derisk the project

5. East Coast Cost Assessment Approach

- *Q3, do you agree with our proposed approach to protect consumer value by standardising our approach to funding in some areas?*

6. Cadent: Efficient Costs and allowance

- *Q4, Do you agree with our proposal to approve funding for the Cadent East Coast North project under the NZASP re-opener mechanism, and at the value proposed?*

7. NGN: Efficient Costs and allowance

- *Q5, Do you agree with our minded-to decision to approve funding for the NGN East Coast project under the NZASP re-opener mechanism, and at the value proposed?*

8. NGT: Efficient Costs and allowance

- *Q6, Do you agree with our minded-to decision to approve funding for the NGT PU: East Coast project under the NZASP re-opener mechanism, and at the value proposed?*

9. Project Deliverables

- *Q7, Do you agree with our proposed deliverables for Cadent, NGN and NGT?*

11. Proposed Directions

- *Q8, Do you agree with our proposed directions for Cadent, NGN and NGT?*