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News Release

National Grid consultation events drawing to a close on North West Coast Connections

- **New connection needed to link Moorside, the new nuclear power station NuGeneration Ltd (NuGen) is proposing to build near Sellafield in Cumbria, into the electricity network**
- **Detailed plans on show at the remaining consultation events**
- **People urged to give their feedback to help shape proposals before consultation closes on 6 January**

National Grid is staging its final round of consultation events in Cumbria this month to give people the opportunity to help shape the plans for the project to connect the proposed new nuclear power station, Moorside, into the electricity network.

The company has eight more events scheduled in community venues along the route of the proposed connection in December. These give people the opportunity to look at detailed plans and to talk to members of the North West Coast Connections team.

The closing date for feedback on the scheme is 5pm on 6 January 2017.

Robert Powell, Project Manager said: "We have been talking to key groups and local communities about our project for six years and we're having hundreds more conversations now with people about our plans during this latest consultation exercise.

"It's really important that people give us their feedback as it is likely this will be the last time we ask for people to comment on our plans for the connection as a whole. We expect to be in a position to apply to the Government for permission to build the connection next year."

National Grid is planning extensive measures to reduce the impact of the project on landscapes while balancing this with the need to keep customers energy bills affordable. These include:

- putting 23.4km (14.5 miles) of new line underground in the western section of the Lake District National Park
- placing cables in a tunnel measuring around 22km (13 miles) under Morecambe Bay
- removing many of the existing pylons owned by Electricity North West (ENW) and replacing them with fewer, taller pylons of its own operating at a greater voltage
- replacing the low voltage line in the area around the Hadrian's Wall UNESCO World Heritage Site with underground cables

Robert added: "We've worked hard to develop a project which we believe strikes the best balance between reducing the impact of the project on the environment and the cost of building the connection which is passed on to energy bill payers.

"People still have the chance to influence our proposals but we only have a small number of consultation events remaining. People will be able to visit our website for information and submit their feedback until 5pm on 6 January 2017."

CONSULTATION

National Grid's consultation will run until 5pm on 6 January 2017. Between 30 November and 10 December there are 9 consultation events taking place (see Editors Notes for full list). People can also take part online on the project website and register their details for updates as the project progresses.

The project website can be found at: www.northwestcoastconnections.com

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Consultation Event Programme

Remaining consultation events:

- 1. Thursday 01 December, 2pm-8pm – Seaton**
Seaton Village Hall (Welfare Hall), Welfare Lane (off Causeway Road), Cumbria, CA14 1PN
- 2. Friday 02 December, 2pm-8pm – Wigton**
The Market Hall, Church Street, Wigton, Cumbria, CA7 9AA
- 3. Saturday 03 December, 10am-3.30pm – Kirkby-in-Furness**
Burlington C of E Primary School, School Road, Kirkby-in- Furness, Cumbria, LA17 7UH
- 4. Tuesday 06 December, 2pm-8pm – Whitehaven**
NuGen's Moorside Information Centre, Civic Hall, Whitehaven, Cumbria, CA28 7SH
- 5. Wednesday 07 December, 2pm-8pm – Carlisle West**
Morton Community Centre, Wigton Road, Carlisle, Cumbria, CA2 6JP
- 6. Thursday 08 December, 2pm-8pm – Millom**
Millom Network Centre, Salthouse Road, Millom, Cumbria, LA18 5AB
- 7. Friday 09 December, 2pm-8pm – Drigg**
Drigg & Carleton Parish Hall, Drigg Holmrook, Cumbria, CA19 1XF
- 8. Saturday 10 December, 10am-3.30pm – Natland**
Natland & Oxenholme Village Hall, Oxenholme Lane, Kendal, Cumbria, LA9 7QQ

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