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Mr Simon Garnett
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RE: AGL Mobile Methane Monitoring – Additional Route through Project Operations

Dear Simon,

This letter report provides a summary of the mobile methane (CH₄) monitoring results completed in late 2014. The route comprises the AGL site office in Gloucester, along Bucketts Way and Jacks Road through the current Gloucester Gas Project site operations and returning via Fairbairns Road. The monitoring was completed as part of the baseline monitoring on 20 October 2014 and post hydraulic fracturing on 7 November 2014.

The Picarro monitoring system was configured for this mobile monitoring campaign, measuring CH₄ concentration, isotopic values for CH₄ along with GPS coordinates. The system components are housed within an AGL vehicle (Toyota Land Cruiser Troop Carrier) and configured to meet the recommendations of the Picarro Mobile Kit User's Guide (Picarro, 2011). Further detail on the configuration and sampling methodology is provided in Pacific Environment (2013, 2014).

A summary of the results are provided in Table 1. Figure 1 and Figure 2 show the 1-second measurements, taken every 10-seconds across the monitoring route for the two respective monitoring days. Figure 3 and Figure 4 provide a three dimensional plot of the CH₄ concentration at the time of monitoring.

The minimum 1-second CH₄ concentrations during both runs are just below the current global average concentration of 1.82ppm reported by the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) (WMO, 2014).

The maximum CH₄ concentration during the baseline monitoring was slightly higher than those measured during the post hydraulic fracturing monitoring completed on 7 November 2014. The maximum concentrations measured are less than the maximum CH₄ concentrations measured during the baseline study Pacific Environment (2013, 2014).

Table 1: Summary of results

Run	Time	Average CH ₄ concentration	Minimum 1-second CH ₄ concentration	Maximum 1-second CH ₄ concentration
20 October 2014	13:17 – 14:13	1.79	1.77	2.27
7 November 2014	17:30 – 18:12	1.80	1.77	2.22

It is concluded that there was no significant change in ambient methane concentrations detected through the use of mobile methane monitoring using a Picarro instrument, when comparing data sets representing pre- and post- fracture stimulation.

Yours sincerely,



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References

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Figure 1: Monitoring Route – 20 October 2014



Figure 2: Monitoring Route – 7 November 2014



Figure 3: 3-Dimensional representation of mobile methane monitoring – 20 October 2014



Figure 4: 3-Dimensional representation of mobile methane monitoring – 7 November 2014