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Drax Group is considering converting two ageing coal-fired units at the UK's largest power station in Yorkshire to run on natural gas. Units 5 and/or 6 could be repowered with up to two 1.8 GW gas turbines, a heat recovery steam generator and cooling systems, plus a battery storage facility of up to 200 MW capacity.

The project, like all plans for new utility-scale gas-fired capacity in the UK, will face considerable economic challenges but offers other benefits that ...

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