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Dear Sir/Madam,

Following receipt of the Rule 6 Letter I can confirm that National Grid Ventures (NGV) on behalf of National Grid Interconnector Holdings Ltd (NGIHL) would like to attend and participate at both the Preliminary Meeting for East Anglia ONE North and the Issue Specific Hearing on Project Description and Options (ISH1). In addition, NGV would also like to attend and observe ISH2 and Open Floor Hearing 1.

NGV are registered as Interested Parties for both the East Anglia ONE North and East Anglia TWO Examinations. NGV also intend to speak at the Preliminary Meeting and the Issue Specific Hearing on Project Description and Options (ISH1) for East Anglia TWO and have registered separately for this.

With regards the **Preliminary Meeting** for East Anglia ONE North, NGV would like to speak on the following matters:

- NGV note that some matters regarding the need to future proof the proposed NGET substation for future development are included on the agenda for ISH1. However, NGV would like to raise the potential need for an Issue Specific Hearing specifically on the need to future proof the NGET substation to mitigate the impact on the local area of future projects which will be seeking a connection. This would be on the expectation that the SoCG may be a mechanism for resolving some of the issues but that the ExA may also wish to interrogate the position itself.

With regards the **Issue Specific Hearing on Project Description and Options (ISH1)**, NGV would like to speak on the following matters:

- **Agenda item 2:** The Applicants' approaches to the projects, with respect to:
 - C. design considerations in respect of onshore substations including relationships with landscapes, existing settlements and the extent of land required.
- **Agenda item 3:** Interfaces with other projects as siting and design considerations onshore, with respect to:
 - E) relationships with transmission system and interconnector operations and development.
 - F) the extent to which projects and proposals are relevant to and have been identified and addressed in siting and design considerations for the proposed developments.
 - G) whether possible change in any projects might have implications for the proposed developments.
- **Agenda Item 5:** Possible scope for changes to the DCO Applications.

With regards to the points NGV would like to make at ISH1, NGV are seeking to ensure the

proposed NGET substation is future proofed for other future developments, namely the proposed Nautilus and EuroLink Interconnector projects. With this in mind, NGV intend to make the following points. A statement detailing these matters further will be submitted in advance of the Preliminary Meeting.

- Proposed amendments to the provisions of draft Order (Article 5) to provide security for the delivery of the NGET substation in the event EA1N and EA2 are either delayed or not developed.
- The extents shown on the DCO works plans for the NGET substation, the SPR substation, the cable corridor and the Over Head Line (OHL) works indicate a constrained site when fully constructed and that this causes concern as to the availability of space for the construction and physical infrastructure of future connections.
- NGET have confirmed that their proposed substation, be it AIS or GIS, would need to be extended to facilitate NGV's proposed Nautilus and EuroLink Interconnector connections and that it would be NGV's responsibility to obtain the relevant consents for the extensions. These potential arrangements need to be explored and considered either at ISH1 or at a future hearing session.
- NGV are unclear in respect of proposed land acquisition for the NGET substation and whether it was expected that NGET would exercise the land powers for land or itself be subject to acquisition for the benefit of SPR.
- NGV would also seek to clarify the proposed project work programmes and how these can be aligned to minimise effects.

NGV have some concern that these issues may unavoidably require some examination of technical and engineering evidence that cannot reasonably be accommodated at ISH1 and may, in turn, be assisted by the preparation of a Statement of Common Ground that is coordinated between the promoters, NGV and other relevant parties. As such, the Examining Authority may prefer that these matters are addressed in a future ISH and we confirm that these arrangements would be supported and welcomed by NGV.

We would also like to reserve the right to speak on other agenda items should it be considered appropriate.

I look forward to receiving confirmation of receipt of this email. If you have any queries please do contact me.

Kind regards

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