

National Grid Ventures (NGV) Written Response to Questions under EPR Rule 17 The Energy White Paper

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NGV Response to Question 2 of Annex A under EPR Rule 17 The Energy White Paper

	ExA Question	NGV Response
Question 2a	Have any discussions been held with the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) about the Government’s expectations of pace and/or the development of a ‘pathfinder’ approach to the transmission system connection proposals for these Applications?	<p>NGV continues to engage with BEIS on the prospect and potential opportunities associated with Multi-Purpose Interconnector (MPI) projects¹. The Energy White Paper (December 2020) commits the Government “to realise at least 18GW of interconnector capacity by 2030” and 40GW of offshore wind by 2030. At present, offshore wind and interconnectors operate alongside each other. Multi-Purpose Interconnectors (MPI) could enable offshore wind and interconnection to work together as a combined asset.</p> <p>Stakeholder engagement is a feature of the ongoing Offshore Transmission Network Review (OTNR), co-ordinated by BEIS. NGV intends to continue to engage with BEIS and others as it relates to this Review, particularly on the potential of MPI projects (including potential pathfinders).</p>

¹ National Grid Interconnector Holdings Limited, 2020, *Unlocking Offshore Wind*. Available at: <https://www.nationalgrid.com/document/134211/download>

		<p>The OTNR will inform the further feasibility of the proposed Nautilus and EuroLink projects. Further information on progress of the OTNR, including relevant timescales, was published by BEIS in December 2020².</p> <p>NGV’s engagement with BEIS to date has included discussion on the potential for MPIs to support offshore wind projects to meet 2030 targets, projects along the East coast of England, including Suffolk. NGV has not specifically discussed with BEIS the prospect of MPIs associated with the EA1N, EA2 offshore windfarm projects or any other individual offshore windfarm project.</p> <p>Details on the Nautilus and EuroLink MPI projects are set out in NGV’s response to Examination Deadline 3. Both Nautilus and EuroLink are currently in the feasibility stages of project development.</p>
Question 2b	If so, please provide an outline description of the implications of the ‘pathfinder’ approach for each Application, identifying any contingencies or matters not yet resolved.	No comment (see response to Question 2a).
Question 2c	If not, is any approach to BEIS likely to be made during the timescale of these Examinations, or might a ‘pathfinder’	NGV continues to engage with BEIS on the prospect and potential opportunities associated with Multi-Purpose Interconnector (MPI) projects ³ . The Energy White Paper (December 2020) commits the Government “to realise at least 18GW of interconnector capacity by 2030” and 40GW of offshore wind by 2030. At present,

² Offshore Transmission Network Review Webinar Slides available via: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/946574/presentation-17-10-20.pdf

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	<p>approach be taken post-decision?</p>	<p>offshore wind and interconnectors operate alongside each other. Multi-Purpose Interconnectors (MPI) could enable offshore wind and interconnection to work together as a combined asset.</p> <p>Stakeholder engagement is a feature of the ongoing Offshore Transmission Network Review (OTNR), co-ordinated by BEIS. NGV intends to continue to engage with BEIS and others as it relates to this Review, particularly on the potential of MPI projects (including potential pathfinders).</p> <p>NGV's engagement with BEIS to date has included discussion on the potential for MPIs to support offshore wind projects to meet 2030 targets, projects along the East coast of England, including Suffolk. NGV has not specifically discussed with BEIS the prospect of MPIs associated with the EA1N, EA2 offshore windfarm projects or any other individual offshore windfarm project.</p> <p>Details on the Nautilus and EuroLink MPI projects are set out in NGV's response to Examination Deadline 3. Both Nautilus and EuroLink are currently in the feasibility stages of project development.</p>
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