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The Rt Hon Kwasi Kwarteng
Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

Dear Secretary of State

East Anglia One North (EA1N) and East Anglia Two (EA2) Offshore Wind Applications
ENO 10077 ENO 1078

It is apparent from the extensions granted and the requests sent out for further information that there are still substantial reservations about the SPR/NGV proposals.

It is extraordinary that two public companies protected by NSIP status should behave with what appears to be a total lack of integrity and sincerity as SPR and National Grid Ventures have over this application.

It is extraordinary that NGV feels that a company of the supposed status of National Grid has such little belief in the merit of its scheme that it must 'hide behind nanny's petticoats' or in this case lurk in shadows behind SPR claiming it was nothing to do with them, even though they are hoping to build a substation, actually two (whoops they forgot to mention the second one). Then refusing to attend or respond to the PINS inquiry, refusing to address concerns, and refusing to be honest about their intentions.

It is extraordinary that SPR failed to respond to questions and failed to produce credible research to clearly validate their assertions and attempted to push decisions beyond the PINS inquiry so that the scrutiny would be less critical and that is before one remembers the 'gagging orders'.

It is also extraordinary that that they have been allowed to behave in this way by PINS, BEIS and even IPA. It brings the whole process into disrepute, and leaves a decision lacking credibility.

Because of these shenanigans Scottish Power Renewables have failed to produce

A creditable Cumulative Impact Study
A creditable Wildlife Fauna & Flora Study
A creditable Study of the Impact on Tourism and Business in the area

A creditable Study of the risks to the local aquifer

A creditable Traffic study and the effects of road building for Sizewell C. and how this will develop with Sizewell C construction and the proposed

Recent research into 'Wind Stilling' suggests that SPR's ambitious energy production targets need to be re-examined, and reassessed. Latest figures for December 2021 show the lowest level of wind energy production for four years, despite the increase in wind turbines.

The question of whether Scottish Power/Iberdrola are appropriate partners still hangs over the project.

The Spanish Iberdrola Scandal is in court and CEO Galan and various of his cohorts are attending the court hearings. Iberdrola has been fined hundreds of millions of euro in fines whilst under ██████████ control and there is currently a court case in the US where it is accused of bid rigging and racketeering.

In the U.S. Iberdrola's most recent attempt — buying a New Mexico-based utility called PNM Resources Inc. for more than \$8 billion, including debt — failed when regulators blocked the deal citing the probe in Spain, among other factors. A report prepared for the New Mexican state regulators said in a report. "The criminal investigation is relevant as it may reflect the culture of Iberdrola." **Bloomberg Opinion**

As has been recommended by Dr Therese Coffey and many others, the only reasonable response to the application would be 'The Split Decision'. In order not to delay the offshore turbines, which I endorse, I with many others are proposing a constructive way forward, a 'split decision' promoting the offshore element, so the actual wind turbines are given consent, but the onshore works are rejected.

This 'split decision' would buy time. Time for the UK government to take the lead and bring together the key actors to approve the new regulatory change needed for offshore integrated solutions and realistic onshore solutions where the power is delivered where it is required. Time to allow EA1N and EA2 to benefit from the BEIS Review and to become flagship pathfinder projects of which we can all be proud. And finally, time to bring these projects to fruition in a way which minimises their greenhouse gas emissions in line with the government's Ten Point Plan.

Only if the onshore infrastructure minimises the destruction of our environment by connecting to the grid at a brownfield or industrialised site, whilst minimising onshore cable corridors, can these projects contribute positively to climate change and support the Government's stated intent in this regard.

One should also consider National Grid's position in the SPR Application. SPR is a 'trojan horse'. Granting the application in full opens a vast portal through which NGV can develop its Suffolk Mega Hub as will argue, 'we have now wrecked Suffolk it will be cheaper to carry on'

John Pettigrew CEO of NG is on record saying that it is cheaper and easier for National Grid to build on green field sites than brown field.

National Grid tells us that it advises BEIS & the Government on Energy Policy, but the current outdated policy and its failures could suggest that the advice might support National Grid more than the National Interest.

National Grid tells us that a substantial part of CEO John Pettigrew's substantial salary is a bonus scheme based on the success of the company. Destroying Suffolk could be very profitable.

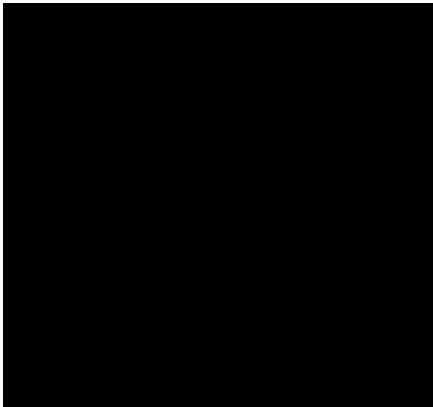
National Grid has alluded to the requirement to rebuild the transmission line across Suffolk but not yet the courage to admit it or formulate into the cumulative effect scenario.

Considering the Cumulative Impact study which SPR has singularly failed to present. possibly because the planned projects for just five square miles have a budget in excess of £40 billion and a construction period of a generation, which is totally indefensible. This makes it one of the biggest projects in the world and twice the budgeted cost of London's Crossrail.

As National Grid & Scottish Power boast, the technology is moving a rapid pace, but they just don't want to create a World Class, integrated solution here.

Please recommend a 'split decision'.

Yours faithfully

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