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Dear Secretary of State,

My response to your letter of 20 December 2021 requesting further information I attended the third OTNR webinar this afternoon (31 January 2022) and was bitterly disappointed that they still had not considered the onshore element. Despite lots of OTNR talk, no action has been taken to reduce the present 'point to point' onshore radial system. In fact, National Grid is asking developers to scope areas where there is NO National Grid (NG) substation carving up more countryside and calling it a nice new, softer sounding name - 'East Anglia Green'. Definitely not Green.

Pertinent questions were asked at the end of the OTNR webinar:

*"Why has BEIS and OFGEM not made it mandatory for all Windfarm and Interconnector developers to opt in to become an Early Opportunities/ Pathfinder. The developer will eventually make a lot of money at the expense of the UK tax payer"*

*"The ESO is conflicted! They have no impetus to reach deadlines as they benefit from radial transmission developers paying for and executing updates to the NETS. It has been identified that an independent body, separate to the ESO, will be required to meet the OTNR's requirements. Why are we continuing with National Grid plc as the ESO?"*

Neither question was answered.

The review or an ORM is not a new idea. just new people going through the same process making the same mistakes and ultimately nothing gets done. It is 10 years+ since the last review came up with Offshore networks to reduce radial 'point to point' connections. Why did National Grid and Government not act then.

Early in the oral hearings, one Interested Party spoke passionately and knowledgably about National Grid and it's disingenuous approach to the examination of EAN2/2 and ScottishPower's DCO application.

*"...refer to the lack of consultation by National Grid for the development of a Grid Sub Station "Hub" on the back of the SPR project. With National Grid offering offshore projects such as SPR (EA1N and EA2), National Grid Ventures (Nautilus and Eurolink), Galloper array expansion, Greater Gabbard array expansion, along with National Grids own (SCDC 1 and SCDC2) links to Kent it is clear that the Sizewell to Bramford Pylon Route (due to also carry the output from Sizewell C) will become a strategic line (and single point of failure) in the national network."*

A year on at the OTNR webinar nothing had changed, others questioned National Grid intentions and conflicts of interest:

*"If National Grid plc. didn't exist then would the ESO exist? It is in both organisations' interests, albeit that they contend to be independent of each other, to preserve OFTO and CION otherwise network upgrades would have been devoid of developers investments. Irrespective of the perception that the ESO is the only source of expertise a separate legal entity in the form of a completely independent FSO is urgently required. When will an FSO be enabled?"*

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In Suffolk Coastal alone, a strategic substation, built and paid for by SPR to accommodate four

National Grid Interconnectors all landing individually onshore. This is ridiculous when EA1N and EA2 windfarms could connect to the NG Interconnectors and the interconnectors could go straight to the source where the power is needed – Metropolitan London. We have the technology.

Secretary of State I beseech you to sort this mess out, preserve our Countryside, make a “Split Decision” and consent the offshore wind farms and pause the onshore infrastructure to find a brownfield or industrialised site.

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