

Submission on behalf of National Grid
Response to ExQ1
23 March 2021

Number	Question	Respondent	Response
1.3.23	<p>Please provide an update on discussions with National Grid (both arms) and identify any likely obstacles to reaching an agreement before the close of the Examination.</p> <p>You may wish to include this information in the requested SOCG and/or CA schedule.</p>	NGET and NGG	National Grid is in discussions with the Applicant as to the drafting of the protective provisions to be included in the DCO. Discussions are progressing and National Grid expects to be in a position to agree the form of protective provisions before the close of the Examination.
1.7.36	<p>Please comment on the protective provisions set out in Schedule 9, P4 of the dDCO.</p> <p>Please provide details of any additional protections National Grid considers are necessary to protect its interests.</p>	NGET and NGG	<p>National Grid has provided a marked up version of the draft protective provisions to the Applicant. The areas which remain subject to discussion and change from the version submitted in the dDCO include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision to govern notification of the transfer of the Order and impacts on the position of any matters dealt with under the PPs; • Further details about the parameters for and requirements of National Grid in relation to the provision of, and facilities and rights relating to, alternative apparatus; • Further detail about protections and ways of working where authorised works are being carried out in close proximity to National Grid's assets; • National Grid and the Applicant also remain in discussions about the Applicant's levels of insurance and other financial matters including amendments to the drafting of the indemnity to bring it into line with National Grid's standard form • A few other more minor drafting changes to bring them into alignment with National Grid's standard form of PPs.
1.10.12	Does NGET agree that there is a specific and established need for additional capacity within the 275kv network around London.	NGET	<p>Within the National Grid group there are a number of different business, operating separately, and each playing a role in the UK energy industry, transporting energy from producers to local network operators.</p> <p>NGET is an electricity network business and is a subsidiary of National Grid plc. It owns and operate the regulated electricity transmission network in England and Wales. NGET's</p>

			<p>network comprises approximately 7,211 kilometres of overhead line, 2,279 kilometres of underground cable and 347 substations.</p> <p>NGET has had business separation obligations in its licence for a long time, requiring it to be separate from National Grid group businesses operating in the markets of Interconnectors, Carbon Capture and Storage and Offshore Transmission. With effect from 1 April 2019, following the creation of National Grid Electricity System Operator Ltd (NGESO), NGET's business separation obligations were updated to require separation from NGESO.</p> <p>NGESO's role is to balance the system making sure supply meets demand and move high voltage electricity from where it's generated, such as a wind farm, through the energy system. It operates the system but is not responsible for the infrastructure (e.g. the pylons and cables) needed to carry the electricity. Using the infrastructure owned by three transmission companies (including NGET) the high voltage electricity is passed onto one of the fourteen Distribution Network Operators (DNOs) across the country.</p> <p>NGET and NGESO are legally separate companies operating within the National Grid group as separate businesses. Since separation in 2019, interactions between the two businesses are formalised. NGET's remit relates to the facilitation of transmission and the operation of the infrastructure, and it is not in a position to respond to the Examining Authority's question on matters relating to capacity (which are within the remit of NGESO).</p>
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