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Dear Michele Gregory

SUNNICA ENERGY FARM

I refer to the above DCO application that was accepted for examination on 16 December 2021.

You will be aware from the Grid Connection Statement (Examination Library Reference APP-265) that Sunnica benefits from a Bilateral Connection Agreement with National Grid that provides Sunnica with a grid connection to the existing Burwell 400kV substation. You will also be aware from the Grid Connection Statement that to accommodate this connection an extension to the existing Burwell Substation is required, with the application identifying 2 options for the location of the extension.

Sunnica has recently been informed by National Grid that it has undertaken additional technical work itself which means that the land which constitutes option 1 is unlikely to be available to Sunnica. This information was unavailable prior to the DCO application being submitted to the Secretary of State despite Sunnica and National Grid being in discussions over the options for connecting into the existing substation.

Sunnica is undertaking additional work of its own as a result of this emerging information and is seeking further urgent engagement with National Grid to understand in greater detail its recent communication. Sunnica will shortly make a decision on how to progress as a result of this additional work, which may involve an application for a change to the DCO application.

On the basis of the above, Sunnica requests that the Planning Inspectorate considers programming both the Rule 6 letter and subsequent Preliminary Meeting to allow for time for better understanding of National Grid's position to enable everyone to start with any updated position and for this to be taken fully into account before Examination starts. We therefore request that you consider planning for the preliminary meeting to start no earlier than the week commencing 6 June 2022 to enable Sunnica and National Grid additional time to understand and progress matters.

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Sunnica is of the view that there is merit in allowing it the opportunity to undertake this additional work in advance of the Examination commencing as it would provide greater certainty which would be advantageous in terms of allowing for a more efficient examination as well as providing greater certainty to all Interested Parties.

Yours sincerely

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