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By online submission only

Dear Sirs

Application by Sunnica Ltd for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Sunnica Energy Farm Project - Procedural Deadline A
Our client: National Grid Electricity Transmission Limited

We confirm that we act for National Grid Electricity Transmission Limited ("NGET") and write further to your letter of 28 June 2022.

As a responsible statutory undertaker, NGET's primary concern is to meet its statutory obligations and ensure that any development does not impact in any adverse way upon those statutory obligations. As such, NGET wishes to register its intention to participate virtually at the Preliminary Meeting (scheduled for 26 July) in relation to agenda item 3 Initial Assessment of Principal Issues and specifically in relation to:

Compulsory Acquisition

NGET notes that the Book of Reference and Land Plans indicate that powers for the compulsory acquisition of rights and extinguishment of rights are included over NGET's operational land. NGET strongly opposes any compulsory acquisition or extinguishment of rights over its land as any such powers would cause serious detriment to NGET's ability to comply with its statutory duties.

The Draft DCO

NGET will require protective provisions to be included within the DCO to ensure that its interests are adequately protected and to ensure compliance with relevant safety standards. NGET's rights to retain its apparatus in situ and rights of access to inspect, maintain, renew and repair such apparatus located within or in close proximity to the Order limits should be maintained at all times and access to inspect and maintain such apparatus must not be restricted.

NGET would also be available to comment in relation to the removal of Option 1 from the draft DCO if required.

Yours faithfully

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