

WRITTEN REPRESENTATION

REFERENCE BY APPLICANT TO DRAFT NATIONAL POLICY STATEMENTS

Deadline 7: 10th JULY 2023

Norfolk Parishes Movement for an OTN

Madam Chair, on behalf of the Norfolk Parishes Movement for an Offshore Transmission Network ("The Norfolk Parishes Movement") we wish to submit in writing the objection which we raised during the Issue Specific Hearing on 21st June 2023 in Norwich.

The Norfolk Parishes Movement wishes to formally complain that the Applicant has repeatedly made reference to the DRAFT Energy National Policy Statements during the course of its oral presentations to the ExA and also in writing, in particular in response to points raised by the Norfolk Parishes Movement (e.g., REP3-114) and others (e.g., REP4-041, REP5-055). It is our considered opinion that it is not appropriate for the Applicant to refer to a draft National Policy Statement for which the outcome of recent consultations is unknown and the text of which is subject to change by parliament. We further consider that the ExA should not be influenced by such draft documents or by arguments made which reference them.

Our organisation is one of a number which have submitted a formal response to the consultation exercise regarding the energy National Policy Statements and run by the Department for Energy Security and Net-Zero.