

Examining Authority's First Written Questions – NGET response to ExQ1 2.10

ExQ1	Question to:	Question	NGET response
2.10	<p>Applicant</p> <p>E.ON UK PLC</p> <p>National Grid Electricity Distribution (East Midlands) PLC</p> <p>National Grid Electricity Transmission PLC</p>	<p><u>Land in the vicinity of Drakelow electricity substation</u></p> <p>a) Please explain whether, and if so how, the land rights powers requested could affect the undertakings of E.ON UK PLC, National Grid Electricity Distribution (East Midlands) PLC and National Grid Electricity Transmission PLC, including in the vicinity of Drakelow electricity substation at plot numbers 01-001 to 01-014 [AS-002, AS-009]?</p> <p>b) Please could the Applicant justify the extent of the land over which the powers are sought, and justify the flexibility sought, for example by providing an indicative layout?</p> <p>c) Do E.ON UK PLC, National Grid Electricity Distribution (East Midlands) PLC, or National Grid Electricity Transmission PLC have any concerns about the extent of the land over which the powers are sought?</p>	<p>a) National Grid Electricity Transmission PLC (NGET) is currently in negotiations with the Applicant to agree Heads of Terms for the Applicant to have rights over NGET's land at Drakelow electricity substation (Substation).</p> <p>The rights required by the Applicant are (1) access rights to the Substation, (2) connection rights for the installation of its connection cable and (3) if necessary, secondary access rights to enable construction of its connection cable in the event NGET is also undertaking works in the area which would prevent the Applicant from relying on the access rights referred to at point (1).</p> <p>NGET is unable to confirm at this stage whether or not the Applicant is able to use the current substation access at the point of constructing its connection cable. This is subject to programme of works and further details surrounding potential future NGET works at this location. NGET confirms that it will provide access over its land for the Applicant to deliver the proposed development and will work with the Applicant to confirm the access arrangements prior to construction.</p> <p>Regardless of the access rights which are eventually used by the Applicant, NGET must ensure that the Substation and its surrounding apparatus is adequately protected. To achieve this, NGET must maintain control over this land and therefore objects to any use of compulsory acquisition powers by the Applicant. It is understood that the Applicant is seeking compulsory acquisition powers (acquisition of rights) over plots 01-001, 01-002, 01-003, 01-004, 01-007, 01-009, 01-010, 01-011, 01-012, 01-013 and 01-014 which form part of the Substation and the access to the Substation and also include NGET overhead line assets and/or interests. NGET</p>

			<p>objects to the compulsory acquisition of its assets, land or rights over its land. It is essential that nothing in the DCO prevents NGET from continuing to deliver future plans or from accommodating other electricity connection customers.</p> <p>NGET requires its standard from protective provisions to be included in the DCO to protect its Substation, apparatus and interests from the Applicant's works and to ensure compliance with relevant safety standards. NGET is currently liaising with the Applicant in relation to such protective provisions and will continue to liaise with the Applicant with a view to reaching a satisfactory agreement.</p> <p>b) N/A – Applicant to answer.</p> <p>c) As referred to at its answer to Question 2.10(a), NGET objects to the compulsory acquisition of its assets, land or rights over its land. Aside from this, NGET will only have concerns over the extent of land over which the Applicant seeks rights if its standard form protective provisions cannot be agreed with the Applicant. This is because these protective provisions are required by NGET to ensure that its interests are adequately protected and to ensure compliance with relevant safety standards.</p> <p>NGET requests that the Applicant continues to engage with it to provide explanation and reassurances as to how the Applicant's works pursuant to the DCO (if made) will ensure protection for those NGET assets which will remain in situ, along with facilitating all future access and other rights as are necessary to allow NGET to properly discharge its statutory obligations.</p> <p>NGET also requests that the Applicant withdraws its proposals to seek compulsory acquisition powers over any of NGET's assets, land or rights over its land in connection with the DCO.</p>
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