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Dear Examining Authority,

**Deadline 10: Anglian Water Response to the Application by National Grid Electricity Transmission plc for an Order granting Development Consent for the Bramford to Twinstead Reinforcement**

Anglian Water welcomes the opportunity to respond to the Examination regarding National Grid's submission of Applications under Section 127 and Section 138 of the Planning Act 2008 [references REP-069 and REP9-066] regarding the acquisition of interests and rights in land having been acquired by Anglian Water, and provision for the extinguishment of the relevant right for statutory undertakers over the land, or the removal of the relevant apparatus.

As identified in the Section 127 Application [REP9-061] the Bramford to Twinstead project (the Project) will interface with the LRT section of the 69km Bury St Edmunds to Colchester strategic pipeline scheme, part of a significant new drinking water grid for the East of England to bring water from North Lincolnshire to Essex. Without our new drinking water grid, demand for water will outstrip supply meaning the east of England could run out of water as soon as 2030. Planning permission has been granted for the Bury St Edmunds to Colchester section of the pipeline from the relevant local planning authorities (West Suffolk, Babergh & Mid Suffolk, and Colchester City councils) and further discharge of condition applications have been made. Enabling works have now commenced, and construction will be undertaken from Spring 2024 to Winter 2024.

**Application Under Section 127**

Anglian Water agrees that with respect to the Project and our existing assets, the Protective Provisions in Part 3, Schedule 4 of the draft DCO will ensure the necessary protection of our land and apparatus.

In respect of the construction of the strategic pipeline, we consider that ongoing discussions and consultations with National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) will be undertaken to facilitate the necessary approvals and operational requirements to enable our pipeline to be delivered without undue risk to NGET assets. The document states that NGET is in advanced negotiations with Anglian Water in respect of a cooperation deed (para 1.5.10) with regard to mutual cooperation on the delivery of

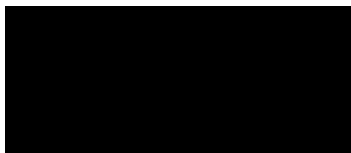
both projects. This situation has progressed since Deadline 9, with negotiations having concluded so that both parties are able to proceed towards finalising the agreement.

### **Application Under Section 138**

Anglian Water is satisfied that the Protective Provisions for Anglian Water (Part 3, Schedule 4 of the Draft DCO), will ensure that all appropriate steps must be taken by NGET in relation to Anglian Water's existing apparatus. Once the strategic pipeline has been constructed this will also fall under the protective provisions. Any risk is purely in respect of the NGET Project starting and the strategic pipeline is not constructed at the interface - Sheet 8 of the Work Plans [APP-010]. However, the strategic pipeline already has the benefit of planning permission with enabling works currently being undertaken, which will allow construction to commence shortly. The timetable for construction indicates completion of construction (excavation of trenches, laying pipes and refilling trenches) by Winter 2024.

In conclusion, Anglian Water considers that once the private treaty (cooperation deed) between both parties is agreed, it will enable our outstanding representation (as referenced in the Statement of Common Ground between NGET and Anglian Water at Deadline 9 [REP9-031]) to be withdrawn and consequently the Application under Section 127 will be treated as having been withdrawn. Whilst this process has not been brought to a conclusion within the Examination timetable, negotiations have now concluded to enable both parties to proceed towards finalising the agreement.

Yours faithfully,



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