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To:

Our Ref: EN020002

All interested parties

Date: 17 July 2024

Dear Sir or Madam,

Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

Application by National Grid ("the Applicant") for an Order granting Development Consent for the proposed Bramford to Twinstead Reinforcement Project

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

- 1. Following the completion of the Examination on 12 March 2024, the Examining Authority submitted a Report and Recommendation in respect of its findings and conclusions on the above application to the Secretary of State on 12 June 2024.
- There are issues on which the Secretary of State would be grateful if the Applicant, TC East Anglia OFTO Limited, East Anglia THREE Limited, Scottish Power Renewables and Network Rail could provide updates or information as appropriate.

Protective Provisions/Commercial agreements

- 3. The Applicant is requested to provide further information regarding the current status of the negotiations for commercial side agreements with TC East Anglia OFTO Limited, East Anglia THREE Limited and Scottish Power Renewables.
- 4. **The Applicant** is requested to provide further information on whether protective provisions have been agreed with **Network Rail** since the end of the Examination and if so to provide a copy of those protective provisions marked up with changes from the previously submitted draft Development Consent Order.

Compulsory Acquisition/ Temporary Possession

5. Since the close of the examination the Secretary of State has received further correspondence on issues of compulsory acquisition which have been published alongside this letter. **The Applicant** and **all Interested Parties** are invited to provide any final updates on compulsory acquisition matters.

- 6. Responses to the requested information should be submitted by email only to BramfordtoTwinstead@planninginspectorate.gov.uk by 23.59 on 7 August 2024.
- 7. Responses will be published on the Bramford to Twinstead project page of the National Infrastructure Planning <u>website</u> as soon as possible after **7 August 2024**.
- 8. This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State's consideration of whether to grant or withhold development consent for the Bramford to Twinstead Reinforcement Project or any part of the project. Nothing in this letter is to be taken to imply what the eventual decision might be or what final conclusions the Secretary of State may reach on any particular issue which is relevant to the determination of the application.

Yours faithfully



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