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Dear Sir/Madam

**Application by National Grid Electricity Transmission plc for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Richborough Connection Project**

I am writing to notify you of a decision announced by Richard Harrington MP, the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State in the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy ("BEIS") and by Lord Prior, also a Parliamentary Under Secretary of State in BEIS, to set a new deadline for the decision on this application.

In accordance with section 107(7) of the Planning Act 2008, the attached statement has today been made to the House of Commons setting the new deadline as 8 August 2017. The statement, with a minor variation, has also been made to the House of Lords. Copies of the text of the statements are attached.

This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State's decision whether or not to grant development consent for the Richborough Connection Project, and nothing in this letter is to be taken to imply what that decision might be.

Yours faithfully

**Giles Scott**

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Head of Energy Infrastructure Planning and Coal Liabilities

## WRITTEN MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

### BUSINESS, ENERGY AND INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY

#### Proposed Richborough Connection and East Anglia THREE Offshore Wind Farm Energy Infrastructure Projects

**The Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (Richard Harrington MP):** This statement concerns applications made by National Grid Electricity Transmission plc and East Anglia THREE Limited under the Planning Act 2008 for development consent for the installation, operation and maintenance of a 400kV high voltage Overhead Electric Line between Richborough and Canterbury in Kent (“the Richborough Connection Project”) and the construction, operation and maintenance of an offshore wind generating station off the coast of Suffolk with related onshore works (“the East Anglia THREE Offshore Wind Farm”) respectively.

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