

Dear Sec of State.

In response to your request of the 14th July 23 regarding the PCC and the NGET and NGESO submissions I would like to make the following observations.

I'm sure I am not alone in being disappointed with the quality and quantity of information provided by NGET and NGESO (NG) in their joint submission, in what is such an important document within this process.

There was limited comparisons made between the additional work requirements between Mannington and Lovedean substations and in particular the work required (if any), to upgrade the Lovedean substation in order to accommodate the applicants interconnectors.

NG only responded with comments with regards to Mannington and substations to the west of Lovedean substation.

With the intended landfall in France now apparently defined as Pourville / Hautot Ser Mer, subject to the requisite French permissions. I am surprised no comment was made by NG with regards to the feasibility of substations to the east of Lovedean.

A simple look at a map clearly shows, at the proposed French landfall, which UK electricity substations are closest to it. It is certainly not Portsmouth. Especially, if a major consideration during planning of the proposal was apparently undersea cabling costs.

How can the Sec of State make a comparison between substations if the proposed one at Lovedean is not commented upon in any significant detail? Or indeed substations to the East of Lovedean. More in depth analysis is surely required?

Will the Lovedean substation need upgrading to accommodate the proposed interconnectors?

What would that work entail?

When would that work take place?

Who will finance the upgrade? The applicant or the National Grid? When I say the National Grid I obviously ultimately mean the UK public.

Why is Lovedean not commented upon in any significant detail?

How would any upgrade to the National Grid at the Lovedean substation fit in with the newly announced (press release 31 May 23) intended Great Grid Upgrade partnership by 2030.

Where did the 2037 date in relation to a Mannington upgrade come from? How does that fit into the Great Grid Upgrade targets.

The original study appears now to be some 8 years old. Isn't it time for a new one? Particularly in the light of the Great Grid Upgrade partnership announcement?

It's seems to me that Mannington has only come into the equation through the Navitus Bay wind farm planning refusal.

Please refuse this extremely damaging and impactful proposal.

Thank you for reading.

Kind regards.

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