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To: Registered Interested Parties, the Applicant, Affected Persons, Category 3 Persons and IP Statutory Parties

Our Ref: EN020024

Date: 19 June 2023

Dear Sir / Madam

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 13

Application by National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Yorkshire Green Energy Enablement (GREEN) Project

Notification of Hearings on 18, 19 and 20 July 2023

We write to advise you that the following hearings will be held under Rule 13 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended).

The hearings will be fully virtual events with all participants attending via Microsoft Teams.

Important details are set out at Annex A to this letter.

Hearing	Date	Start time	Location
Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 2 (CAH2)  Compulsory Acquisition, Temporary Possession and Related Matters	Tuesday 18 July 2023	Virtual Room opens: 9.30am Virtual Arrangements Conference from: 9.45am Hearing starts: 10.00am	By virtual means using Microsoft Teams  Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have preregistered.

Issue Specific Hearing 4 (ISH4)  Draft Development Consent Order and Environmental Matters	Wednesday 19 July 2023 (all day) and Thursday 20 July 2023 (morning), if required.	Virtual Room opens: 9.30am Virtual Arrangements Conference from: 9.45am Hearing starts: 10.00am	By virtual means using Microsoft Teams  Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have preregistered.
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Please inform us if you plan to attend one or both of these hearings (even if you do not wish to speak) no later than **Deadline 5**, **Tuesday 11 July 2023**.

Agendas for the hearings will be published on our website at least five working days before the events. A list of invitees will be included in the hearing agendas. Meanwhile, if you are unsure whether you or the organisation you represent should attend a hearing, please contact the Case Team by emailing <a href="YorkshireGreen@planninginspectorate.gov.uk">YorkshireGreen@planninginspectorate.gov.uk</a>.

# **Open Floor Hearings and Accompanied Site Inspections**

An Open Floor Hearing was held on Wednesday 22 March 2023. The Examination Timetable<sup>1</sup> reserved time for further Open Floor Hearings in July, however the Examining Authority (ExA) is satisfied that these are not required. Consequently, no further Open Floor Hearings will be held in July.

The ExA conducted a comprehensive Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) on 23 May 2023. We have also undertaken visits to other sites as Unaccompanied Site Inspections (USI). Notes of all site inspections can be found in the <a href="Examination Library">Examination Library</a>. The ExA is satisfied that no further ASI is necessary at this stage and therefore the time reserved for an ASI in the week commencing 17 July 2023 will not be required. Any further site visits will be undertaken on an unaccompanied or 'access required' basis.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Case Team <u>YorkshireGreen@planninginspectorate.gov.uk</u> / 0303 444 5000.

Yours faithfully

Jessica Powis

### **Lead Member of the Examining Authority**

### **Annex A** Participating in hearings

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Examination Timetable, Annex A of the Examining Authority's (ExA) Rule 8 letter, dated 29 March 2023.

#### Annex A

## Participating in hearings

You must register by **Deadline 5** (**Tuesday 11 July 2023**) if you wish to attend the hearing(s).

Please register using our website, if possible, or email us directly.

- Click on the *Make a submission tab* on the <u>project page.</u>
- The 'Submission item' will be DEADLINE 5.
- Please name your request appropriately e.g. 'Register to attend hearing'.

# Please provide us with:

- The hearing(s) you will be attending.
- Your name and reference number (found at the top of any letter or email from the Planning Inspectorate).
- If you are representing a person or organisation also provide their name and reference number.
- Email address (if available) and contact telephone number.
- If you would need any assistance in joining the online meeting e.g. training or guidance.
- The relevant plot numbers if you would like to speak at the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing.

**Agendas**: Agendas and any detailed arrangements for the hearings will be published on the <u>Yorkshire GREEN project page</u> of the National Infrastructure Planning website at least five working days before the hearings. The agenda on the day of each hearing may be subject to change at our discretion. The ExA will manage proceedings and invite participants to speak at the relevant time.

**Attendance**: If your request to attend and/ or speak at a hearing is accepted, you will receive an invitation which will include joining instructions. When you join the Microsoft Teams meeting, you will arrive into the virtual room with the Case Team. Here, the Case Team will make sure you are registered, and your equipment is working to enable you to fully participate. Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the hearing so the Case Team can admit you.

**Contributing**: You may speak on issues set out in your Relevant Representation or Written Representation. Speakers will need to introduce themselves, including any organisation or groups that they represent, each time they speak to ensure that someone listening to the recording after the event is clear who was speaking.

**Procedure:** The procedure to be followed at hearings is set out in Rule 14 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010. The ExA is responsible for the oral questioning of a person giving evidence and the process affords very limited scope to allow cross-questioning between parties.

**Cancellation**: If any of the hearing(s) are no longer required or need to be cancelled or postponed for any reason, notice will be provided on the <u>Yorkshire GREEN project page</u> of the National Infrastructure website.

**Livestream and recordings**: The hearings will be both livestreamed and recorded. A link to watch the livestream will be posted on the <u>project page</u> before the start of the event. The livestream is available to anybody who wishes to observe a hearing in real time. Recordings of all hearings will be published on our website shortly after the events. The recordings allow any member of the public who is interested in the application and the Examination to find out what has been discussed.

**Post-hearing submissions**: Following the hearing you may wish to submit documents, such as a written summary of your oral submissions. Any such documents must be submitted on or before **Deadline 6** (**Friday 28 July 2023**). Where possible, we ask that you use the *Make a Submission* tab on the <u>Yorkshire GREEN project page</u> of the National Infrastructure website.