

Dear Sir/Madam

We refer to the Examining Authority's letter dated 8 April 2015, Annex B, paragraph 2, which asked Network Rail to confirm whether it will be able to communicate the withdrawal of its representation before the close of the Examination. We confirm, on Network Rail's behalf, that the following joint response has been agreed with the Applicant:

A framework agreement, option, deed of easement, asset protection agreement and terms of protective provisions are being negotiated between Network Rail and National Grid. There are a few points outstanding between the parties and both are working together to agree final documents. Once these points have been resolved, engrossments will be issued and as soon as they have been completed, Network Rail should be in a position to withdraw its representation. The parties do not envisage any particular obstacle to this occurring before the close of the Examination.

Should the Examining Authority have any queries, please let us know.

Yours faithfully

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