

**VIKING CCS PIPELINE PROJECT
DEADLINE 1 (26 APRIL 2024)
NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION PLC**

1. National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (“NGET”) is a statutory undertaker for the purposes of the Planning Act 2008.
2. NGET assets which have been identified as being within or within close proximity to the proposed Order limits are:
 - (a) Overhead lines:
 - (i) 2AH 400kV overhead line - Grimsby West to South Humber Bank Killingholme – South Humber Bank; and
 - (ii) 4KG 400kV overhead line - Grimsby West to South Humber Bank Grimsby West – Keadby
3. Further to NGET’s relevant representations, NGET will require protective provisions to be included within the DCO to ensure that its interests are adequately protected and to ensure compliance with relevant safety standards.
4. In addition to the existing infrastructure set out above, NGET are looking to bring forward the following projects in the area which are likely to interact with the Viking CCS Project. The Proposed Infrastructure which has been identified as being within or within close proximity to the proposed Order limits are:
 - o Eastern Green Link (EGL) 3 & 4 projects.
 - o Walpole to Grimsby upgrade.together the “Proposed NGET Projects”.
5. Walpole to Grimsby undertook its first public consultation between January and March 2024 and the first public consultation for the EGL 3 and 4 is ongoing.
6. Therefore, as well as providing satisfactory protection for NGET’s existing rights and assets, the protective provisions will also need to cover the interaction between the Proposed NGET Projects and the Viking CCS Project to ensure that all projects can be brought forward satisfactorily and efficiently.
7. The NGET Proposed Projects are both Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects which will come forward as DCOs and which are recognised as being essential to the Country’s future energy security and meeting net zero targets.
8. The NGET Proposed Projects are recognised as being projects of critical national priority under the National Policy Statements. It is therefore essential that the protective provisions ensure that future working can be agreed between the parties and that there are no restrictions which would prevent this e.g. wide restrictive covenants over land which would be required for the Proposed NGET Projects.
9. NGET is liaising with the Applicant in relation to bespoke protective provisions in respect of NGET’s assets. Negotiations are ongoing but the protective provisions are not yet agreed.

10. NGET will continue to liaise with the Applicant with a view to concluding matters as soon as possible during the DCO Examination, keeping the Examining Authority updated in relation to these discussions.

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