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Dear Sirs

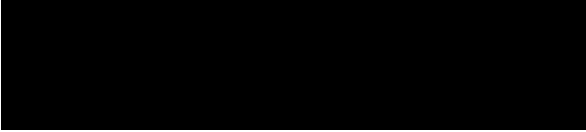
**The H2 Teesside Project**  
**Written Submission on behalf of National Gas Transmission Plc**

**Deadline 4 (20 November 2024)**

- 1 We act on behalf of National Gas Transmission Plc ("**NET**") in relation to the H2 Teesside Project (the "**DCO Scheme**").
- 2 We write further to NGT's Written Representation dated 3 October 2024 [**REP2-067**] (the "**Written Representation**") in order to provide the Examining Authority with a brief update in respect of matters stated in Paragraph 7 (Protective Provisions).
- 3 As matters stand, and despite repeated requests for engagement, NGT is still to receive a substantive response from the Applicant in relation to the draft protective provisions issued on 1 July 2024. The lack of response over a such a lengthy period of time is both surprising and disappointing, and especially so given the following statement made by the Applicant at Deadline 3 (21 October 2024) [**REP3-006**]: "*The Applicant anticipates responding imminently to NGT on this matter.*"
- 4 Absent any satisfactory reassurance from the Applicant as to how the Draft Order (if made) will secure all usual protections for NGT's existing assets, rights and other interests as are necessary to allow NGT to properly discharge its statutory obligations, **NGT must continue to maintain its objection to the DCO Scheme.**
- 5 NGT recognises that the Examination is already at an advanced stage. Therefore, given the significance to NGT's statutory undertaking of matters remaining outstanding, NGT requests that the Applicant provide NGT with a substantive response on all outstanding matters within the next 10 working days (**no later than 3 December 2024**).
- 6 In the event that a satisfactory response is not forthcoming by 3 December, NGT will have little alternative but to write to the Examining Authority in advance of Deadline 5 in order to register NGT's attendance at a second Compulsory Acquisition Hearing which it is understood will be held in early January 2025.
- 7 We trust that this update is of assistance to the Examining Authority. We would be pleased to provide a further update in due course.

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Yours faithfully



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