

Dear Sirs,

We act on behalf of National Gas Transmission Plc ("NGT") in this matter.

NGT made a Relevant Representation in this matter on 1 July 2024 [RR-017], a Written Representation on 3 October 2024 [REP2-067], a further interim submission on 19 November 2024 at Deadline 4 [REP4-029], a detailed written submission on 20 December 2024 at Deadline 5 [REP5-063] and a further submission at Deadline 6A [REP6A-032] (together the "Existing Representations").

NGT also attended Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 2 ("CAH2") which was held virtually on 13 January 2025.

Whilst NGT is pleased to record some very recent engagement with the Applicant (a meeting with the Applicant and its legal representatives having finally taken place on 4 February 2025), there currently remains no agreement between the parties in respect of the matters set out in Paragraph 3 of [REP6A-032] (and as further detailed in Paragraphs 3.4 to 3.18 of [REP5-063]). Accordingly, NGT's overall position in this matter, as stated in Paragraphs 1.2 and 1.3 of [REP5-063], remains unchanged and NGT continues to maintain its existing objection.

Although NGT has received a verbal assurance that the Applicant is committed to resolving all outstanding matters, NGT is acutely aware that there is now very limited time remaining within the Examination within which to do so. With reference to Paragraph 4 of [REP6A-032], NGT is unfortunately not hopeful that matters will be satisfactorily resolved before the Examination closes. For the avoidance of doubt, this includes the agreement of public-facing Protective Provisions for the benefit of NGT in the form appended to [REP6A-032] and the completion of a Side Agreement intended to secure other appropriate contractual obligations in respect of matters which are not directly before the Examining Authority at present. Therefore, and to the extent that there is no prospect of matters being resolved before Deadline 8, NGT respectfully reserves the right to make further submissions on each of these outstanding points at Deadline 8.

NGT would, in the interim, be pleased to provide the Examining Authority with further clarification in respect of any of the matters raised in this Written Update.

Yours faithfully,

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