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Dear Mr Price

Application by Highways England for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Proposed M4 Junctions 3 to 12 Smart Motorway

We write in response to the Examining Authority's Rule 8(3) and 17 letter dated 24 February 2016.

We represent SSE Services Plc and Southern Electric Power Distribution Plc ("SSE"). SSE has been engaging with the Applicant in this process with a view to reaching agreement regarding the Protective Provisions contained within Schedule 8 of the draft Development Consent Order.

We are also in receipt of the Applicant's submission under Section 138 of the Planning Act 2008 in respect of SSE's interests in the Order Land.

Whilst our client has no objection in principle to the proposed works, it has not yet reached agreement as to the content of the Protective Provisions. We are actively engaging with the Applicant to reach agreement before the close of examination; however negotiations are currently on-going. We will update the Examining Authority of progress.

Yours faithfully

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