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The following representations are submitted on behalf of Northern Powergrid (Yorkshire) Plc ('Northern Powergrid') as an electricity undertaker for the area within which the Immingham Green Energy Terminal DCO Project is located: Northern Powergrid is in principle supportive of the Immingham Green Energy Terminal DCO Project but has concerns relating to the impacts which the proposed scheme will have on Northern Powergrid's existing assets and their pending improvement works. There is a significant amount of Northern Powergrid infrastructure within the red line boundary area of the Order and thus the project has a direct impact on Northern Powergrid's existing critical national infrastructure which serves significant numbers of customers in the local and wider area. Northen Powergrid's rights for these assets are essential in maintaining an uninterrupted power supply to the customers they serve. The proposed development seeks to interfere with Northern Powergrid's existing apparatus; there are many points at which the Immingham Green Energy Terminal DCO crosses Northern Powergrid's overhead lines and underground cables which are vital to Northern Powergrid's operations. Northern Powergrid therefore reserves the right to review the position as the scheme progresses and protect its existing apparatus including with bespoke protective provisions in the Order, as at this stage, the specific details of the required infrastructure including the depth, diameter and respective easement strips are unknown. The accompanying Compulsory Purchase Order for the development seeks to acquire land and interests which, if acquired, would adversely affect Northern Powergrid's ability to use, access, maintain and where necessary upgrade its equipment. It is not necessary to acquire these interests where an agreement between the parties would be more appropriate. In addition to the technical impacts of the proposed development, Northern Powergrid has concerns over the proposed protective provisions contained within the draft Order as they do not take into account site specific issues and do not accord with Northern Powergrid's standard protective provision requirements. Northern Powergrid has discussed its concerns with Associated British Ports and Air Products BR Limited ('the Applicant') and the parties are working closely to reduce the project's impacts on Northern Powergrid's apparatus and agree bespoke protective provisions within the draft Order. Northern Powergrid is keen to keep an open dialogue with the Applicant and to engage with the applicant's legal representative to agree appropriate amendments to the protective provisions.