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Your reference TR050007

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Dear Sirs

**Application for a development consent order for the Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange
(Reference: TR050007)**

**National Grid Electricity Distribution (East Midlands) plc – Response to Rule 17 Letter (Request
for Further Information) dated 4 March 2023**

1. This Representation is submitted by Osborne Clarke LLP on behalf of National Grid Electricity Distribution (East Midlands) plc ("**NGED**").
2. NGED remains the licensed distribution network operator under Section 6 Electricity Act 1989 (the "**EA 1989**") for the area in which the Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange Development Consent Order 202X (the "**Order**") is proposed to have effect and which was submitted by Tritax Symmetry (Hinckley) Limited (the "**Applicant**").
3. In a Rule 17 Letter dated 4 March 2023, the Examiner has requested that NGED confirms whether it still has an outstanding objection to the Order.
4. By way of a response to the Examiner's request and for the avoidance of doubt, NGED's holding objection remains in place as at today's date in respect of the Order.
5. In its representation submitted on 27 February 2024 at Deadline 7, NGED re-confirmed its relevant requirements in respect of the proposed Order and what would be required before its objection would be withdrawn. These remain as follows:

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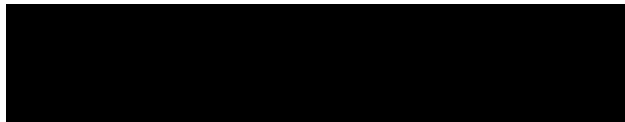
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(i) a satisfactory set of protective provisions in favour of NGED has been agreed with the Applicant and these have been included in the Order; and

(ii) an asset protection agreement has been entered into between on the parties on terms which are satisfactory to NGED.

6. NGED confirmed in its Deadline 7 representation that in respect of Requirement (i) a form of protective provisions had been successfully agreed with the Applicant. NGED understands that this agreed form of protective provisions will be included by the Applicant in its final draft Order.
7. In relation to Requirement (ii), whilst NGED and the Applicant have agreed the form of NGED's required asset protection agreement, this is still out for signature and the agreement has not yet been completed by the parties. NGED notes that legal completion of this agreement is expected shortly.
8. Therefore, NGED's holding objection to the Order remains in place at today's date. However, with the legal completion of the asset protection agreement expected shortly, NGED anticipates that it will be in a position to withdraw its objection shortly also.

Yours sincerely



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