

WRITTEN REPRESENTATION

Representation by National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc to the Sunnica Energy Farm Project ("the Project")

Introduction

National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc ("**NGET**") wishes to make a written representation to the Project in order to protect their position in relation to infrastructure and land which is within or in close proximity to the proposed Order limits. NGET's rights to retain its apparatus in situ and rights of access to inspect, maintain, renew and repair such apparatus located within or in close proximity to the Order limits should be maintained at all times and access to inspect and maintain such apparatus must not be restricted.

NGET Land and Infrastructure Impacted

The documentation and plans submitted for the Project have been reviewed in relation to impacts on NGET's existing apparatus and land interests located within this area. The following assets, which form an essential part of the electricity transmission networks in England and Wales are within, or in close proximity to, the Order limits:

Substations

- Burwell Main 400kV Substation
- Burwell Main 132kV Substation

Overhead Lines

- 4ZM (400kV) overhead line Burwell Main – Walpole 1
- 4ZM (400kV) overhead line Burwell Main – Walpole 2

Connection into Substation

As part of the Project, the Promoter is proposing to connect to the National Grid Burwell Main 400kV substation. It is understood that, following the removal of Option 1 from the dDCO, this will be achieved via an alternative cabling connection route.

NGET note that the dDCO is still drafted to the effect that NGET have the benefit of Work No.5 under Article 32 of the Order. As previously advised in its Relevant Representation, NGET do not consider that this is necessary, especially following the removal of Option 1 from the dDCO together with other concerns with this drafting which will need to be amended.

NGET is concerned that a number of the amended application documents still refer to the Promoter's proposed substation as the 'Burwell National Grid Substation Extension' or 'National Grid Substation Extension Burwell'. Again, as previously advised in NGET's Relevant Representation, the Promoter's substation would need to be renamed as it will not be a NGET asset. Additionally, following the removal of Option 1 from the dDCO, it is understood that the Promoter's substation will now not be located at Burwell.

Compulsory Acquisition Powers

NGET notes that the Book of Reference and Land Plans indicate that powers for the compulsory acquisition of rights and extinguishment of rights are included over NGET's operational land including the National Grid Burwell Main Substation.

NGET strongly opposes any compulsory acquisition or extinguishment of rights over its land. Any such powers would cause serious detriment to NGET's ability to comply with its statutory duties.

Protective Provisions

NGET will require protective provisions to be included within the DCO to ensure that its interests are adequately protected and to ensure compliance with relevant safety standards.

NGET is currently in negotiations with the Promoter in relation to the protective provisions for inclusion within the DCO along with any supplementary agreements which may be required. NGET will keep the Examining Authority updated in relation to these discussions.

Summary

As a responsible statutory undertaker, NGET's primary concern is to meet its statutory obligations and ensure that any development does not impact in any adverse way upon those statutory obligations.

NGET reserves the right to make further representations as part of the examination process but in the meantime will negotiate with the Promoter with a view to reaching a satisfactory agreement.