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**Subject:** DCO Application by Rampion Extension Development Limited - NGET Response to Request for Comments

Dear Sir / Madam

We continue to act for National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc ("NGET") in respect of the above. This is NGET's response to the Secretary of State's request for comments dated 16 December 2024.

As set out in its submission of 6 December 2024, NGET's position is that the Applicant will obtain the rights it needs through the wider customer connections process. This means that the Applicant does not need a property interest at this stage as there is already a mechanism in place which ensures it will obtain these when sufficient certainty is reached over the location and extent of that land interest. Notwithstanding this, NGET has proposed the principles of a letter aimed at providing the Applicant with additional comfort in relation to the acquisition of land rights. NGET will continue discussions with the Applicant with a view to providing a letter of comfort if possible. Unless and until such a letter is agreed, NGET's position in relation to the compulsory acquisition of land rights is as set out in its December 2024 submission.

The Applicant suggests that the parties have been unable to agree the extent of land over which rights are to be granted "*in part due to lack of progression of the NGET design work*". It is not correct that there has been a "lack of progression". NGET has progressed its design for the connection of the Project to the Bolney Substation extension. However, the design works need to accommodate the connection of other customers and not just the Project. NGET must co-ordinate all of these connections. This reinforces NGET's point that it must retain control and ownership over its land so that it can facilitate such connections in the most economical and efficient manner. Allowing the Applicant to compulsorily acquire the rights and restrictions it seeks would interfere with NGET's ability to do this, causing serious detriment to its undertaking.

The Applicant also suggests that it "*has put forward proposed restrictions on the use of its proposed land rights to protect National Grid's statutory duties, however no response to that wording has been provided by National Grid's representatives*". NGET is unsure what proposal this refers to and will contact the Applicant directly to clarify the matter.

Yours faithfully

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