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FRODSHAM SOLAR PROJECT

RESPONSE TO THE EXAMINING AUTHORITY'S FIRST WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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BEHALF OF NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION PLC ("NGET")**

NGET's responses to ExQ1 Q9.8.4 and Q10.0.4 are as follows:

ExQ1	Question To:	Question:	Response:
Q9.8.4	Applicant and NGET	<p>Frodsham 400kV Substation NGET [RR-021] raised concerns about the cumulative impacts of the proposed development with HyNet Hydrogen Pipeline and Runcorn Carbon Dioxide Spur Pipeline.</p> <p>It would like to understand how the applicant would work with the promoters of the other schemes to minimise disruption to the access road to NGET's Frodsham 400kV Substation and ensure the protection of the associated overhead and underground apparatus including cables.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Please could the applicant respond to NGET's comments? ii) Please could NGET set out any outstanding concerns and provide updates during the examination? 	<p>The Written Representation submitted on behalf of NGET [REP1-061] sets out NGET's concerns with regards to the cumulative impacts of the proposed development with HyNet Hydrogen Pipeline and Runcorn Carbon Dioxide Spur Pipeline.</p> <p>Whilst discussions are ongoing with the Applicant in respect of this issue, an agreed position has not yet been reached to adequately address NGET's concerns. As noted in NGET's Written Representation, this is a critical access road and it is essential that any access required by the projects is coordinated to minimise disruption to the operation of the Frodsham Substation to ensure that NGET can continue to discharge its statutory obligations. NGET also needs to maintain access rights to all of the 400kV Infrastructure within the Order limits both during construction and operation of the Applicants Authorised Development.</p> <p>NGET will provide a further update at the next deadline.</p>
Q10.0.4	Various, including NGET	<p>Individual objections Cadent Gas Limited [RR-020], Frodsham Wind Farm Limited [RR-047], Inovyn Chlorovinyls Limited and Ineos Fluor Limited [RR-004], Inovyn Enterprises Limited [RR-001], National Gas Transmission plc [RR-032], National Highways [RR-031], NGET [RR-021], SP Energy Networks [RR-018],</p>	<p>The Written Representation [REP1-061] submitted on behalf of NGET sets out NGET's concerns with regards to the powers requested by the Applicant and its proposed changes to the dDCO [PD2-005]. This includes, inter alia, the a request that the Applicant removes the extent of NGET's</p>

		<p>The Canal & River Trust [RR-010], United Utilities Water Limited [RR-006] have commented on the powers requested by the applicant.</p> <p>i) Please could each organisation set out any outstanding concerns and provide updates during the examination?</p> <p>ii) If the concerns are not addressed to any organisation's satisfaction, please could it submit its proposed changes to the dDCO [PD2-005], including any protective provisions, with justification for why the changes are required?</p> <p>iii) [...]</p> <p>iv) [...]</p>	<p>operational substation (which sits predominantly over plot 5-17 and 5-18) from the compulsory acquisition powers shown on the Land Plans [APP-008], and the removal of the green infrastructure works within the substation boundary (as shown on the Works Plans [APP-009]). Further details are set out in NGET's Written Representation. As noted in its Written Representation, changes are also required to the protective provisions to ensure protection for retained NGET assets, along with facilitating all future access and other rights as are necessary to allow NGET to properly discharge its statutory obligations. Without inclusion of acceptable protective provisions, serious detriment would be caused to NGET's undertaking as well as to other third-party projects that are reliant on NGET's infrastructure, including the Project itself. Further details are set out in NGET's Written Representation.</p> <p>Whilst discussions are ongoing with the Applicant in respect of these concerns, and negotiations on the protective provisions are in progress, an agreed position has not yet been reached to adequately address NGET's concerns.</p> <p>NGET will provide a further update at the next deadline and will provide a set of requested protective provisions if these are not yet agreed.</p>
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For and on behalf of National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc

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