## Good afternoon Jake

Further to the below, NGET has confirmed that it will no longer be attending the hearing but instead seeks to make the following representation in lieu of attendance.

Registration Identification Number: F4172D520

We write on behalf of National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (NGET) in relation to the Issue Specific Hearing 1 scheduled for Tuesday 21 October 2025.

We previously reserved NGET's right to attend the Issue Specific Hearing to address the required format of the protective provisions and any necessary amendments to the Draft Order.

## Status of Negotiations with Promoter

While discussions remain ongoing between NGET and the Promoter, the Draft Order does not yet contain protective provisions expressed to be for the protection of NGET, making it deficient from NGET's perspective. Due to the significant existing and future infrastructure being provision in the pr

The Draft Order does contain generalised protective provisions for the protection of electricity, gas, water and sewerage undertakers at Part 1 Schedule 12 (General Protective Provisions), but NGET does not consider that these are sufficiently precise as to protect NGETs interests. In particular (and in addition to the above), the General Protective Provisions do not provide for the provision of insurance or security prior to the commencement of development, nor do they include suitable provisions governing computsory acquisition and/or temporary possession of NGETs assets, fand or rights over its land.

## Issue Specific Hearing:

Given the nature of NGETs concerns and in the interest of minimising time and costs for all parties and the Examining Authority, NGET considers that these can be dealt with through written submissions to the Examination and will no longer be attending the issue Specific Hearing 1 on Tuesday 21 October 2025. We respectfully direct the Examining Authority to NGET's written representations, including the Deadline 1 Written Representation and future written representations that will be submitted throughout the Examination period, which set out NGET's position in respect of the protective provisions and the Draft Order. NGET reserves the right to make further written submissions to the Examination at a later date.

We would be grateful if you could please confirm safe receipt of this submission

Kind regards

Managing Associate

Addleshaw Goddard LLP