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Subject: Interaction Between GNR Solar and NGET Compulsory Purchase Order 2026
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Planning Inspectorate
Dear Mr Burnie

Interaction Between GNR Solar and NGET Compulsory Purchase Order 2026
JPAG - Interested Party Reference [REDACTED]

On behalf of JPAG, I am writing regarding an issue that we consider needs to be drawn to the attention of the Examining Authority.

It has come to our attention through the publication of statutory notices that on 12 February 2026 National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (NGET) made The National Grid Electricity Transmission (West Burton to Ratcliffe-on-Soar Refurbishment Project) Compulsory Purchase Order 2026 to enable it to compulsorily acquire the land and land rights necessary to refurbish infrastructure between West Burton, High Marnham, Stoke Bardolph and Ratcliffe-on-Soar. This includes land within the GNR Order Limits. A copy of the CPO, accompanying maps and statement of reasons is available on the National Grid project website at:

<https://www.nationalgrid.com/electricity-transmission/network-and-infrastructure/infrastructure-projects/west-burton-to-ratcliffe-on-soar>

We note from an examination of the maps that the NGET made CPO involves land within the GNR Order Limits, with the NGET looking to compulsory purchase land and/or compulsory acquire land rights on the same land that GNR are looking to do the same. The overlap seems to involve two main parcels of solar panels N4/N8/N9 and S7/S8, as well as cable corridors and access routes in the GNR Order Limits. The NGET CPO appears to include not just land under their overhead line but also additional land for accesses and other operational purposes. Whilst NGET appears to be listed in the Book of Reference for land parcels where their overhead line runs, a cursory look shows that they do not seem to be listed as a relevant category 1 or category 2 party in the Book of Reference in relation to all the land parcels that their CPO covers.

We are not experts on the compulsory purchase/compulsory acquisition processes, but it seems rather unusual that two Orders are proposed in relation to the same parcels of land. We appreciate that the draft DCO contains protective provisions for NGET in Part 8 of Schedule 13, but we are unclear as to whether this sufficiently addresses the interaction and overlap between the made NGET CPO and the draft DCO in relation to competing rights.

We consider that it is appropriate to draw the attention of the Examining Authority to this issue for two reasons:

1. Impact on compulsory acquisition
2. Cumulative impact

We are mindful that as far as we can ascertain there has been no discussion of this NGET project as part of the cumulative impact or cumulative effects, because there had been no public consultation or publicity regarding the West Burton to Ratcliffe-on-Soar Refurbishment Project. Construction on the relevant sections of the NGET project seem to

be planned for 2027 and 2028 which would appear to overlap in planned construction timetable with GNR. There has been public consultation and publicity on the NGET Brinsworth to High Marnham grid upgrade which will also run through the GNR Order Limits in relation to the parcel of solar panels N1. However, the Brinsworth to High Marnham project is currently awaiting planning permission for three new substations which need to be constructed before the overhead line itself can be upgraded from 275kV to 400kV. As such there is no timetable yet for the NGET CPO for the Brinsworth to High Marnham grid upgrade.

Kind regards

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