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Dear Mrs Mageean,

### [Xlinks Morocco-UK Power Project \(the Project\) – Rule 9 update response](#)

Thank you for your updated Rule 9 [\[letter\]](#) from the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025, confirming the options available to Xlinks given the uncertainties regarding our application. On behalf of the Applicant, Xlinks 1 Limited, I write to formally withdraw the application submitted in November 2024, which was accepted for examination in December 2024.

The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) said last week that at this time it is no longer considering a negotiated Contract for Difference for the Project. This update means that Xlinks is now progressing at pace plans for an alternative approach to deliver the Project.

This, in turn, may mean that changes are needed to our application, which would in turn need further consultation, design review and reassessment of the Project's impacts. We would want all our stakeholders to have ample opportunity to consider these, which the current application timeline does not allow for. We therefore do not believe that proceeding with the Examination at this stage is advisable.

The benefits of the project to the UK, remain significant, including:

Bringing billions in green investment and hundreds of jobs to the UK.

Stabilising and reducing wholesale prices, supporting the UK government's objective to bring down energy bills with enough power for millions of homes.

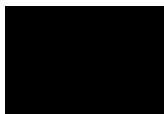
Increasing UK energy resilience, with a dedicated, reliable and flexible supply not exposed to UK weather patterns and helping to cut carbon emissions with clean power.

We are grateful to the Planning Inspectorate, the Examining Authority and the many stakeholders who have worked on and engaged with the us to date, including all the feedback we've received. As we move forward, this provides us a strong, rich source of feedback to work on and incorporate.

We will continue to consult fully as the Project progresses, under an alternative delivery approach, through dialogue, engagement and feedback from all our stakeholders.

We are defining our next steps and looking forward to re-engaging soon.

Yours faithfully



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