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Dear Planning Inspectorate Case Team

Application for a development consent order for Green Hill Solar Farm Limited (Reference: EN010170) National Grid Electricity Distribution (East Midlands) plc - Relevant Representation

We act on behalf of National Grid Electricity Distribution (East Midlands) plc ("**NGED**").

NGED remains the licensed distribution network operator under Section 6 Electricity Act 1989 (the "**EA 1989**") for the area in which the Green Hill Solar Farm Development Consent Order 202[X] (the "**Order**") is proposed to have effect and which was submitted by Green Hill Solar Farm Limited (the "**Applicant**").

We understand that the deadline for submitting comments on relevant representations closed on 7 November 2025 (the "**Deadline**"), and that the project is currently at the examination stage.

NGED regrettably did not have the opportunity to submit a relevant representation before the Deadline. The developer successfully contacted our client on 07 November 2025 and we were swiftly appointed to act on NGED's behalf in relation to the Order. As you can appreciate, this was after the Deadline and in light of this, **we wanted to confirm NGED's position regarding the project**. This is set out below.

The application includes land in or upon which NGED may have assets and which may include (but are not limited to) high voltage electricity cables. NGED is currently reviewing the draft Order setting out the Authorised Development to establish the extent to which their apparatus and interests are affected.

While NGED will continue to seek to have positive engagement with the Applicant in relation to the project, NGED needs to ensure that the wider powers being sought in the Order will not have a detrimental impact on NGED's electricity network and its duties under the EA 1989. This includes ensuring acceptable terms of any proposed protective provisions.

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NGED therefore kindly requests that the Planning Inspector accepts their apologies for submitting this letter after the deadline, but requests that their discretion is exercised to accept this letter and for it to be considered as a holding objection to the application until an asset protection arrangement has been agreed between the parties. No formal agreement has yet been concluded and accordingly we are writing this letter to protect NGED's position pending conclusion of an appropriate agreement. Once NGED is satisfied that its network is protected, we will confirm this with the Planning Inspectorate.

Please let us know if we can provide any further information as to NGED's position at this time.

Yours faithfully

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