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Dear Sir/Madam

**Hinkley to Seabank Connection Proposal.**

Thank you for your letter of 21 August 2010 addressed to my colleague Mr Wilson, making representations regarding the above proposal.

As the organisation which will consider any application, we cannot at this stage express any views on the merits of the case or on issues such as design or appearance. These are likely to be the subject of an examination into the application, if it is accepted by the IPC. If and when the application is accepted, you will have an opportunity to register to take part in the examination. Publicity in the local and national press and on site notices will explain how you can register to become an interested party by making a relevant representation.

If you would like your views considered at this pre-application stage you may wish to make them known to National Grid directly and also let your local authority know. The local authority will be asked for their view on how effective National Grid's consultation has been at the time the application is submitted to us. We are happy to be copied into any correspondence of this nature.

Yours sincerely

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