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Date: 10 December 2018

Dear Mr Edwards

## **Planning Act 2008 – Section 51**

### **Application by SP Manweb for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Reinforcement to the North Shropshire Electricity Distribution Network**

#### **Advice following issue of decision to accept the application for Examination**

On 10 December 2018 the Secretary of State decided that the application for the above project satisfied the acceptance tests under section 55 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008). The Planning Inspectorate's section 55 Acceptance of Applications checklist (the Checklist) has been published and made available on the project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website.

In undertaking checks at the Acceptance stage the Planning Inspectorate made some observations in relation to the application. This letter comprises advice to the Applicant, provided under section 51 of PA2008, in respect of those observations. The Applicant should pay attention to its content and consider the appropriate action to be taken in response.

#### **Section 42(1)(a) persons**

As detailed in the published Checklist (Box 6), there is a number of potentially relevant bodies which, on the basis of the information provided by the Applicant, do not appear to have been consulted at the Pre-application stage. These are:

- SP Distribution Plc
- Harlaxton Gas Networks Limited
- Murphy Gas Networks Limited
- Eclipse Power Networks Limited
- Energy Assets Networks Limited

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- Energy Assets Power Networks Limited
- Fulcrum Electricity Assets Limited
- Leep Electricity Networks Limited
- Murphy Power Distribution Limited
- Vattenfall Networks Limited
- Utility Distribution Networks Limited
- Powysland IDB

Unless there is a good reason in each case why the Applicant considers that these bodies are not relevant to the Proposed Development, the Applicant is advised to include these bodies in the notification process for the accepted application under section 56 PA2008. This should highlight the opportunities to become involved in the examination of the application. In particular notification should explain the process by which they may make Relevant Representations during the advertised period.

## **Land Plans**

The plots coloured yellow on the Land Plans are described in the legend as “*Order Land – temporary rights (construction only) to be compulsorily acquired, and temporary use of the land, and in relation to which it is proposed to suspend or extinguish easements, servitudes and other private rights*”. It is not clear from this whether it is temporary possession or compulsory acquisition of permanent rights to be used temporarily which is intended by the Applicant in relation to specific plots. The Applicant is therefore requested to clarify the precise rights it is seeking over each plot marked yellow on the Land Plans.

Some discrepancies were found between the colour of some plots on the Land Plans and the description of rights the Applicant is seeking over that land in the Book of Reference. The Applicant is advised to carry out a full review of the Land Plans and the Book of Reference and ensure that all land interests are clearly informed about the precise nature of rights the Applicant is seeking over their land.

## **Works Plans**

It is noted in the Checklist that the lateral limits of deviation for the poles are not shown on the Works Plans. The Applicant is advised to provide a clear explanation of the relationship between article 4(1)(a), Requirements 3 and 4 of the draft DCO, and the Works Plans, and show the limits of deviation for Work No.3 on revised Works Plans.

## **River Basin Management Plan**

It is noted in the Checklist that a plan identifying water bodies in a river basin management plan has not been submitted. The Applicant is asked to provide this, along with clarification on whether the rivers Roden and Perry are the only relevant features in the Severn River Basin District Management Plan which could potentially be affected by the Proposed Development.

## **Submission of updated documents**

The appointed Examining Authority (ExA) is likely to formally request updated versions of the documents referred to above at the Pre-examination stage. The Applicant is therefore advised to start its review and update of those documents

without delay with a view to updated versions being ready to be made available to the ExA at the appropriate time.

I trust you find this advice helpful, however if you have any queries about the matters raised please do not hesitate to contact our office using the contact details at the head of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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