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Dear Examining Authority

Sea Link Project (the “Project”)

Application Ref: EN020026

**ScottishPower Renewables (UK) Limited, East Anglia ONE North Limited and East Anglia TWO Limited’s
Deadline 2 Submission – Comments on deadline 1 and deadline 1A submissions**

1. Introduction

- 1.1 We refer to the above Project and confirm we are instructed by ScottishPower Renewables (UK) Limited (“**SPR**”), East Anglia ONE North Limited (“**EA1NL**”) and East Anglia TWO Limited (“**EA2L**”).
- 1.2 SPR is the parent company of EA1NL, who has the benefit of the East Anglia ONE North Offshore Wind Farm Order 2022 (“**EA1N**”), and EA2L, who has the benefit of the East Anglia TWO Offshore Wind Farm Order 2022 (“**EA2**”). EA1N, EA2L and SPR are interested parties to the examination of the application for development order for the Project (the “**Examination**”).
- 1.3 EA1NL, EA2L and SPR have reviewed submissions made by the National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc (the “**Applicant**”) and interested parties at examination deadline 1 and deadline 1A and wish to respond to several points made in those submissions.

2. Update on Landscape Management

- 2.1 SPR wish to provide an update on the status of landscape mitigation at the Kiln Lane (Friston) substation under the EA1N and EA2 development consent orders (“**DCOs**”). EA1NL and EA2L will shortly lodge their landscaping masterplan under Requirements 14 and 15 of the EA1N and EA2 DCOs.
- 2.2 The landscape masterplan has been prepared on the basis of the Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Strategy submitted and certified as part of the examination process for the EA1N and EA2 DCOs. The masterplan has been refined as part of detailed design in key areas, site visits post consent, further modelling of views, and landowner engagement. The Project is currently in the early stages of Examination, and National Grid Ventures’ (“**NGV**”) Lionlink project is due to start statutory consultation in quarter 1 of 2026, with submission of an application expected in late 2026.
- 2.3 It is anticipated that the landscape masterplan would have to be amended where the Project’s or Lionlink’s cables come through. SPR will continue to work closely with both the Applicant and NGV (in respect of Lionlink) on revised mitigation plans that address the effects of these cables on the landscape masterplan. SPR’s engagement with NGET and NGV to date indicates that the cables for the Project and Lionlink could affect limited sections of trees to the north-east and north-west. Based on SPR’s knowledge, and engagement with NGET and NGV, it is considered that the functionality of the landscape framework can be maintained in the circumstances above.

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- 2.4 Based on SPR's engagement with NGET and NGV, SPR have not been advised of any other changes that would be needed and SPR envisages that an appropriate revised mitigation plan can be agreed. Once an appropriate revised mitigation plan is agreed, EA1NL and EA2L will seek an amendment to their masterplan under Requirement 40 of the EA1N and EA2 DCOs and SPR will work closely with NGET and/or NGV to bring forward amendments.

3. Book of Reference and related documents

- 3.1 The Applicant's Book of Reference [REP1A-001], Land Plans [REP1-034] and [CR1-003], and Land Rights Tracker [REP1-126a] do not reflect the current position in terms of SPR, EA1NL and EA2L's property acquisitions. SPR, EA2L and EA1NL provided the Applicant with this information on 16 October 2025. SPR, EA2L and EA1NL ask that these documents are updated as soon as possible to reflect the up to date position in terms of their land interests.
- 3.2 It is also noted that EA1NL and EA2L are not included in the Schedule of Negotiations with Land Interests [REP1-044], and the Land Rights Tracker [REP1-126a]. We understand from the Applicant that these documents will be updated at Deadline 3 (9 January 2026), which limits the opportunity for SPR, EA1NL and EA2L (and other landowners) to review the changes ahead of the Compulsory Acquisition hearing scheduled for the week of 26 January 2026. It should be noted that if the Book of Reference is not appropriately updated at Deadline 3, SPR's ability to review the changes would be further compromised.

4. Friston/Kiln Lane substation construction

- 4.1 SPR note that the Applicant have indicated that there is a possibility SPR will construct the Friston substation (for example, in the Applicant's responses to relevant representations from Statutory Consultees and Bodies [REP1-112], at page 132). SPR would like to clarify that, while the intention is the Kiln Lane (Friston) substation will be constructed under the EA1N/EA2 DCOs, SPR will not be constructing the substation.
- 4.2 SPR appreciate that construction planning is ongoing; however, the Kiln Lane (Friston) substation is being designed by the Applicant and it will be constructed by the Applicant. As noted by the Applicant in its Response to Issue Specific Hearing 1 Action Points [REP1-124], the Applicant and SPR are working closely to put agreements in place to enable the delivery of the substation by the Applicant, including a transfer of benefit agreement and the transfer of necessary land rights held by EA1NL and EA2L.
- 4.3 East Suffolk Council's ("**ESC**") Local Impact Report [REP1-128] (at paragraphs 6.5.2.1 – 6.5.2.3) outlines ESC's preference for a "one phase" delivery of the Kiln Lane (Friston) substation. While SPR are supportive of measures to shorten the length of construction activities to reduce impacts on local residents, the EA1N and EA2 projects are Critical National Priority infrastructure (as discussed in the Overarching National Policy Statement for Energy (EN-1) and the National Policy Statement for Renewable Energy Infrastructure (EN-3). The Applicant's construction of the Kiln Lane (Friston) substation for the purpose of connecting the EA2 and EA1N projects to the national grid cannot not be delayed until after determination of the application for the Project (and discharge of relevant requirements) or determination of any Lionlink application (which is not yet submitted).

5. Protective Provisions

- 5.1 SPR, EA2L and EA1NL reiterate they will require protective provisions in any DCO which is granted for the Project. SPR, EA2L and EA1NL have commenced the development of draft protective provisions and will work with the Applicant in respect of these.

Yours faithfully

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For and on behalf of Shepherd and Wedderburn LLP