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Dear Sirs

DCO Scheme: National Grid (Sea Link) Order
Our client: Network Rail Infrastructure Limited

Subject: Response to Second Examiners Question dated 25 February 2026
Deadline: 5

This Firm is instructed by Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (**NR**) in relation to the application by National Grid Electricity Limited (**Applicant**) in connection with the DCO Scheme.

2GEN20 - Q to Network Rail – Provide an update on progress with respect to protective provisions for Network Rail Infrastructure Limited include the likelihood that this will be resolved during the examination.

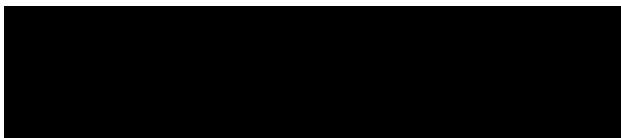
We are still in discussions with the Applicant with regard to the inclusion of NR's standard protective provisions in the draft Order and associated side agreement. Accordingly, we hope to be able to write to the Examining Authority soon (prior to the close of the examination) to confirm that the side agreement has been entered into and, following this, we will be in a position to write to the Examining Authority to confirm that NR's objection can be withdrawn.

However, should it not be possible for NR and the Applicant to reach an agreement on all matters to its satisfaction, including the inclusion of the Protective Provisions as part of the Order (should the Inspectorate be minded to grant the same), NR must maintain its objection to the DCO.

Further, for the reasons set out in NR's Written Representations dated 21 November 2025, NR's position remains that it requires its standard protective provisions, to be included in the draft Development Consent Order (**Order**). As currently drafted, the Draft Order (document reference number 3.1(F)) does not contain the form of protective provisions considered by NR to sufficiently protect its assets and to ensure the safe and efficient operation of the railway.

Should you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us on the details below.

Yours faithfully



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