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Draft Statement of Common Ground

1. Purpose of the Statement of Common Ground

This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been prepared to reflect the current understanding of the areas of agreement and any remaining points of discussion between National Grid and Pivoted Power regarding specific issues arising during construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of the proposed Norwich to Tilbury Project (the Project) and its interface with Pivoted Power assets. The aim is to clarify the shared understanding of any issues and facilitate an efficient resolution process. The SoCG is intended to be a live document and will be updated as necessary throughout the pre-examination and examination stages of the DCO process.

2. Parties to the SoCG

This SoCG is agreed between National Grid and Pivoted Power LLP.

3. Background

3.1 Description of the Project/Development

National Grid Electricity Transmission plc ('National Grid') owns and maintains the national high voltage electricity transmission network throughout England and Wales. The transmission network connects the power from where it is generated to the regional Distribution Network Operators who then supply businesses and homes.

National Grid holds the Transmission Licence for England and Wales, and its statutory duty is to develop and maintain an efficient, coordinated and economical system of electricity transmission and to facilitate competition in the generation and supply of electricity, as set out in the Electricity Act 1989.

National Grid has developed plans for Norwich to Tilbury (referred to as the 'Project'). The Project would support the UK's net zero target through the connection of new low carbon energy generation in East Anglia and by reinforcing the transmission network.

The Project comprises reinforcement of the transmission network between the existing Norwich Main Substation in Norfolk and Tilbury Substation in Essex, via Bramford Substation, the new East Anglia Connection Node (EACN) Substation and the new Tilbury North Substation.

The reinforcement is needed because the existing transmission network, even with current upgrading, will not have sufficient capacity for the new renewable energy (a substantial

proportion of which would be generated by offshore wind) that is expected to connect to the network over the next 10 years and beyond. Completion of the Project, together with other new reinforcements across the country, will meet this future energy transmission demand both in East Anglia and across the UK.

The Project is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP), and National Grid is seeking development consent under statutory procedures set by government. NSIPs are projects of certain types, over a certain size, which are considered by the government to be of national importance, hence permission to build them needs to be given at a national level, by the relevant Secretary of State (in this case the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero). Instead of applying to the local authority for planning permission, the developer must apply to the Planning Inspectorate for a Development Consent Order (DCO) that would grant development consent.

National Grid will submit an application for development consent to the Planning Inspectorate. The Examining Authority (consisting of one or more examining inspectors), after a period of public examination, would make their recommendation to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, who in turn would decide on whether development consent should be granted for the Project.

The Project is identified as critical to delivering a network which supports the clean power pathways for 2030 delivery.

The Planning Act 2008 places duties on National Grid as the DCO applicant to consult with prescribed or affected persons as well as to take account of responses to consultation and publicity. In accordance with these statutory requirements, National Grid has undertaken two non-statutory and one statutory consultation to inform its proposals, with further recent targeted consultations.

4. Stakeholder Interests

Pivoted Power LLP is a wholly owned subsidiary of EDF Energy Renewables Limited. Pivot is developing a battery energy storage system on privately owned land east of Norwich Main substation (“the Pivot Battery Project”). Rights for the cable route connecting the Pivot Battery Project to the NGET Norwich Main substation were granted by National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (“NGET”) under a Deed of Easement dated 18 July 2025. Part of the Pivot cable route is included in the Order Land.

National Grid is seeking to ensure that the interests of both parties and how they may be affected by the interaction are understood. From this position the aim is for the parties to agree actions to avoid or reduce the implications and for any remedial measures to be agreed. On this basis we seek the input from Pivoted Power to demonstrate how their interests may be affected, how Pivoted Power or National Grid and its contractors can collectively reduce those effects and input to agree the implementation of such measures.

The chronology of National Grid's engagement with Pivoted Power to date, and the evolution of the Project's design is summarised as follows:

Discussion held on 14th April 2025

Letter Received 17th July 2025

5. Matters Agreed

ID	Issue	Agreement reached	Date agreed	Relevant documentation
5.1				

6. Matters Currently Under Discussion

ID	Issue	Stakeholder position	National Grid position	Relevant documentation
6.1	Project interface	From Relevant Representation: Pivot believes NGET's requirement for the use of the Pivot cable route land can exist in tandem with its own requirements and that NGET should continue to engage in full and meaningful negotiations with Pivot to document such arrangements. Pivot and NGET continue to engage in discussions with the hope of entering into a formal agreement addressing Pivot's concerns. However, at the date of this representation, no agreement has been entered into between Pivot and NGET.	National Grid commit to continue discussions with Pivoted Power to understand project interfaces and mitigation arrangements.	Pivoted Power LLP Relevant Representation (ref: RR-2963)

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6.2	Access Haul Road	<p>Letter from Eversheds dated 17th July 2025 relates to key points, point 1 details the following:</p> <p><i>That the proposed works must not interfere with or compromise the easement granted to our clients. The cable infrastructure must be afforded full protection throughout the duration of any construction, operational, or maintenance activities associated with the Project.</i></p> <p>Currently this is the stakeholders position pending further discussion.</p>	<p>National Grid’s position is that, in relation to key point 1 from the letter received from Eversheds, the request cannot be accepted on the basis that:</p> <p>National Grid also require access and egress to the haul road and the access route, and this must be maintained 24/7 to allow for the necessary construction activities.</p> <p>Should Pivoted Power require any access for maintenance or operation past the initial construction phase, National Grid will work with Pivoted Power to seek to adopt a solution that suits both parties.</p>	
6.3	Cable Installation	<p>Letter from Eversheds dated 17th July 2025 relates to key points, point 2 details the following:</p> <p><i>That National Grid is requested to confirm in writing that no part of the proposed works will:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Damage, prevent or obstruct the installation or operation of the cable;</i> • <i>Require the cable to be removed, diverted, or relocated;</i> 	<p>Cable has been installed and is awaiting fibre optic pull due to be completed by the end of March 2026.</p> <p>Should Pivoted Power require any access for maintenance or operation past the initial construction phase, National Grid will work with Pivoted Power to adopt a solution that suits both parties.</p> <p>NG is committed to further discussions in order to agree further protective provision or to entering into a side agreement.</p>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Impede access to the cable for maintenance or operational purposes</i> <p>Currently this is the stakeholders position pending further discussion.</p>		
6.4	Co-ordination and safeguarding measures	<p>Letter from Eversheds dated 17th July 2025 relates to key points, one of which is 3:</p> <p><i>That appropriate safeguarding measures will be implemented to ensure the integrity of the cable and associated infrastructure, including coordination with our clients or their appointed representatives prior to the commencement of any works in the vicinity as well as agreement of working methods and protection arrangements.</i></p> <p>Currently this is the stakeholders position pending further discussion.</p>	<p>At present, there are regular, ongoing coordination meetings between NG and customers to ensure that the interests of both scopes are delivered.</p> <p>NG is committed to further discussions in order to agree further protective provision or to entering into a side agreement.</p>	
6.5	Protective Provisions	<p>Letter from Eversheds dated 17th July 2025 relates to key points, one of which is 4:</p> <p><i>That to the extent that the DCO order limits overlap with the proposed cable easement area, that protective provisions</i></p>	<p>NG is committed to further discussions in order to agree further protective provision or to entering into a side agreement.</p>	

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		<p><i>or a side agreement are entered into to address matters 1-3 above.</i></p> <p>Currently this is the stakeholders position pending further discussion.</p>		

7. Signatures

This Statement of Common Ground is agreed upon by the undersigned parties:

For National Grid

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Date: _____

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