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Dear Examining Authority

Norwich to Tilbury Development Consent Order (Application Reference: EN020027) (the "Application") submitted by National Grid Electricity Transmission (the "Applicant")

Deadline 6 Submission

Fieldfisher LLP ("**Fieldfisher**") continue to act for the British Pipeline Agency Limited ("**BPA**") as agents for United Kingdom Oil Pipelines Limited ("**UKOP**").

We write further to the representations and submissions made on behalf of BPA / UKOP to date including RR-0413, PDA-011, AS-086, REP1-235 – 238 (inclusive), REP3-121 and the oral submissions made by Fieldfisher on behalf of BPA / UKOP at CAH1.

1. Update

- 1.1 While BPA / UKOP do not object to the Project in principle, they remain unable to support the draft Order in its current form until their concerns relating to UKOP's critical national infrastructure fuel pipeline are fully addressed and suitable protections are secured (whether on the face of the Order or by private agreement).
- 1.2 BPA / UKOP appreciate the Applicant's constructive engagement and ongoing efforts to agree contractual protections for the Pipeline, with the aim of reaching a settlement as soon as possible so that the objection can be withdrawn.

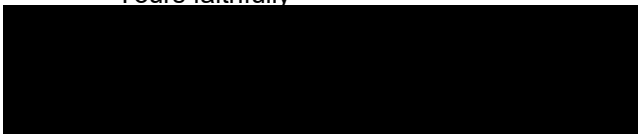
2. Protective provisions and contractual protections

- 2.1 Subject to confirmation by the Applicant, the parties have today agreed a form of protective provisions for the benefit of UKOP and in relation to the Pipeline.

- 2.2 In parallel the parties continue to engage and make progress in seeking to agree in relation to the Pipeline by way of a private side agreement in respect of which substantial progress has been made and the agreement is almost in a final form. However, to date, this side agreement has not been executed by the parties.
- 2.3 The parties have therefore agreed that, in the event that the abovementioned private side agreement is not agreed and completed by Deadline 7 of the Examination (21 July 2026), the Applicant will submit the agreed form of protective provisions for the benefit of UKOP for inclusion on the face of the Order as part of its submission.
- 2.4 In the event that the Applicant does not (for whatever reason) submit the form of protective provisions agreed today at Deadline 7, BPA / UKOP will submit the same to the Examining Authority at Deadline 7.
- 2.5 For the avoidance of doubt, it is hoped that the private side agreement referred to above can be agreed and completed in advance of Deadline 7. If that occurs, the parties do not propose submitting any protective provisions for the benefit of UKOP to the Examining Authority.

While we remain optimistic that a negotiated settlement can be concluded in the very near future. However, given the critical nature of the infrastructure in question, BPA / UKOP are compelled to reserve the right to make further representations during the examination process and (if necessary, change) the nature of their objection if that is not the case.

Yours faithfully

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