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Interested Party Reference: [REDACTED]
VE Ref: 007588276-01

Dear Sir / Madam,

**National Grid Norwich to Tilbury Project (EN020027) - Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm
Deadline 8 Submission**

This letter provides Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm Ltd (Five Estuaries) Deadline 8 submission for the Norwich to Tilbury (the Project) examination.

Five Estuaries notes that that development consent for Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm was granted by the Secretary of State on 17 December 2025. The Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm Order 2025 came into force on 08 January 2026. The proposed East Anglia Connection Node Substation (Work No. 8 of the Project) will be the point of operational interface for the connection between Five Estuaries and the Project, connecting up to 1080MW of clean, renewable energy to the grid.

Five Estuaries is committed to ongoing cooperation with NGET and North Falls as set out in the Tripartite Position Statement, Appendix B.1 of 8.4.3 Report on Interrelationship with Other Infrastructure Projects [REP7-477] and is content that appropriate levels of cooperation are secured through a private tripartite cooperation agreement between the parties. This covers the proposed interactions of the Applicant's proposed Ardleigh Road widening and operational drainage works on Five Estuaries' mitigation and enhancement area.

A positive working relationship was established between Five Estuaries and the Norwich to Tilbury Project and cooperation has taken place in line with good practice and the policy considerations in the Energy NPS' particularly EN-5 which requires that *"2.14.2 the construction planning for the proposals has been co-ordinated with that for other similar projects in the area on a similar timeline;"*. Particularly, Five Estuaries, National Grid and the North Falls Offshore Wind Farm project have been co-operating since the announcement of the grid connection points in 2022 with the objectives of reducing cumulative impacts particularly in relation to traffic and transport (including for construction traffic and site access), landscape and visual and operational noise.

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The Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm Order 2025 includes protective provisions in favour of NGET. The protective provisions in favour of Five Estuaries that are currently included within the Norwich to Tilbury draft DCO [REP7-064] are agreed with Five Estuaries. The two sets of provisions together ensure that both DCOs can co-exist and are deliverable, and that use of compulsory powers is adequately controlled, particularly where these overlap.

Five Estuaries holds an electricity generation licence issued under the Electricity Act 1989 and is a statutory undertaker within the meaning of the Planning Act 2008. Five Estuaries holds a number of interests in land affected by the Norwich to Tilbury Project which are held for the purposes of its statutory undertaking. For the purposes of sections 127 and 138 of the Planning Act 2008, Five Estuaries confirms that the protective provisions included in the Norwich to Tilbury draft DCO are sufficient to prevent serious detriment being caused to its undertaking and to protect its interests in land. Five Estuaries confirms that, subject to the inclusion of the protective provisions in its favour as set out in the Norwich to Tilbury draft DCO [REP7-064], it has no objection to the granting of the order as sought by NGET.

Five Estuaries has responded to questions in Examination and has been reviewing selected submissions by Interested Parties made into the Norwich to Tilbury Project examination and has made a number of submissions throughout the process ([RR-1133], [REP2-046], [REP3-122] and [REP5-146]).

Five Estuaries notes that National Grid has provided an agreed updated version of the Onshore Substations Operational Noise and Outline Noise Complaints Protocol (the Noise Protocol) (see Appendix B.2 of 8.4.3 Report on Interrelationship with Other Infrastructure Projects [REP7-477]). Five Estuaries outlined its position in response to Tendring District Council and Essex County Council in its deadline 5 submission [REP5-146] and maintains that position.

Five Estuaries notes that during the examination there have been several requests from Tendring District Council, including in their LIR [REP1-182] which request that 'binding' restrictions or 'compulsory' obligations are placed on Five Estuaries within the Norwich to Tilbury DCO.

Five Estuaries notes that the current draft of the Norwich to Tilbury Order [REP7-064] does not include any such 'binding' restrictions. Five Estuaries maintains its objection to any such imposition of restrictions or obligations on its development as being outside the scope of what the Norwich to Tilbury DCO can lawfully include for the reasons set out in its previous submission [REP2-046].

Yours faithfully,

A black rectangular box redacting the signature of the representative of Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm.

Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm