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Subject: H2 Teesside - Response on behalf of National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc to the Request for Information dated 7 July 2025
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Dear Sirs,

We act on behalf of National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc ("NGET").

Please accept this email as NGET's response to the [Request for Information](#) issued by the Secretary of State on 7 July 2025 (the "Information Request").

With reference to the paragraph numbering adopted within the Information Request, we provide the following response on behalf of NGET:

Paragraph 6:

In respect of the lack of an agreed position with NGET, the Applicant stated that it seeks 'to reach a mutually acceptable negotiated position that would allow NGET to withdraw that position prior to the Secretary of State decision'. The Applicant and NGET should provide a final update on this position by no later than 1 August 2025.

Contrary to the assurances provided by the Applicant as part of its response to the First Information Request, there has been no recent engagement with NGET or its representatives in relation to the substantive matters of objection raised in NGET's previous written submissions, including in respect of the interface between the 'Cowpen Bewley Spur' and the expansion of Saltholme Substation.

Although the Applicant has offered to meet with NGET in order to discuss matters related to pipeline safety, NGET was informed that entry into a Non-Disclosure Agreement was a pre-requisite to that meeting. However, the terms of the offered Non-Disclosure Agreement were wholly inappropriate in the context of the subject matter of the proposed engagement. Having asked the Applicant to reconsider the terms of the same, NGET has received no further response from the Applicant.

As a consequence:

(a) NGET's position as regard the Applicant's proposals in respect of the 'Cowpen Bewley Spur' remains as set out in its Deadline 8 Submissions [REP8-058]. As previously noted, Appendix 1 to NGET's Deadline 8 Submission contains an Addendum to the Engineering Constraints Report which NGET submitted into the Examination at Deadline 5 [REP5-064]. It is imperative that [REP5-064] and [REP8-058] are read together, and alongside NGET's Post-Examination Submission of 2 June 2025.

(b) It remains the case that the Protective Provisions included in the draft Order for the benefit of NGET must incorporate the specific matters as highlighted in Paragraphs 3.3 to 3.8 and Appendix 3 of NGET's Deadline 8 Submission [REP8-058].

We would be pleased to provide the Secretary of State with further clarification on any of the matters set out above if that would be of assistance.

We would be grateful if receipt of this email could be acknowledged.

Yours faithfully,

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