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Dear Sir/Madam,

The National Grid (North London Reinforcement Project) Order 2014 (the Order submission for Requirement 3 Written Scheme of Stages (Stage Plan))

I am writing to you regarding the discharge of Requirement 3, Written Scheme of Stages, of the National Grid (North London Reinforcement Project) Order 2014 (the Order). This letter follows a meeting held on 24 January 2023 to reintroduce the DCO Project and its Requirements.

Background

The DCO was made by the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change for the Project on 16 April 2014, and came into force on 7 May 2014. The DCO provides powers to National Grid to carry out the Project, which comprises the replacement of the existing 275kV overhead line (OHL) with a 400kV OHL from Waltham Cross substation in Epping Forest, through Enfield and Waltham Forest, and then to Tottenham substation in Haringey. The DCO also contains powers to carry out associated works to the substations at Waltham Cross, Brimsdown and Tottenham.

The Project falls within the administrative boundaries of, Epping Forest District Council, Enfield Council, the London Borough of Waltham Forest, and the London Borough of Haringey. The Project is also within the administrative boundaries of the Greater London Authority and Essex County Council, though these are not relevant planning authorities in relation to the Project.

Legislative Framework

The DCO is governed by primary legislation under the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and is therefore considered and determined separately from the traditional planning applications submitted under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

The DCO includes an extensive number of legal and legislative provisions which enables a developer to implement the project. The authorised development is outlined at Schedule 1 of the DCO.

At Schedule 2, the DCO includes a number of Requirements. Some of these require further information to be submitted for approval to the relevant authority (principally the relevant planning authority or the relevant highway authority), before the authorised development can commence, this includes Requirement 3.

Requirement 3

Requirement 3 of the Order states that a written scheme setting out the stages of development must be approved by the Local Authorities prior to the commencement of development.

Version 1 of the Written Scheme of Stages for Requirement 3 was submitted in 2018¹. This constituted a partial discharge of Requirement 3, following which early enabling works were undertaken in 2019.

This application

This application seeks to discharge Requirement 3 in full by way of update to the previously submitted Written Scheme of Stages. Based on prior engagement on the Written Scheme of Stages, it was agreed in meeting on 24 January 2023 that no further pre-application engagement would be required for this update.

National Grid intend to re-commence works under the Order in Q1 2024.

Requirement 3, Written Scheme of Stages has been formally submitted to the Council today (31/03/2023) via the Planning Portal, and must be determined within 28 days of receipt of the application. This is in accordance with Section 1 (1), Schedule 3 (Discharge of Requirements) of the Order, which states that the relevant authority must notify National Grid (as the undertaker) of any decision within a period of 28 days from the business day after the application is made. National Grid will pay a fee of £116 as prescribed under section 303 and 333 (2A) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

Should you have any queries about this submission please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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¹ Application reference numbers – Epping Forest District Council: PL/EPF/3123/18; London Borough of Enfield: 18/04500/DCO; London Borough of Haringey: HGY/2018/3384; London Borough of Waltham Forest: 183887