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Dear Sirs

The Network Rail Huddersfield to Westtown (Dewsbury) Improvements Order Planning Inquiry – Representation on behalf of Northern Powergrid (Yorkshire) Limited

We act on behalf of Northern Powergrid (Yorkshire) Limited (NPG). The Inspector will be aware that NPG objects to the proposed Order on the grounds that it may interfere with NPG's ability to discharge its statutory undertaking, being an electricity distribution company within the meaning of the Electricity Act 1989.

Our client does not object in principle to the Order provided that the Promoter, (Network Rail Infrastructure Limited) is able to agree adequate protective provisions (the current draft protections in the Order being assessed as inadequate by NPG). Owing to the dangerous and highly specialised nature of NPG's apparatus it is inconceivable that works can be safely carried out to divert any of NPG's apparatus without adequate protective provisions.

To this end NPG has engaged with the Promoter and its representatives to negotiate an agreement granting contractual protections to NPG to the extent that the provisions of the Order are insufficient.

Whilst we assess negotiations to have been successful and now at an advanced stage, for the avoidance of doubt NPG will not withdraw its objection to the proposed Order until the Agreement has been executed as a deed by NPG and the Promoter.

Yours faithfully

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