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**25 November 2022**

Dear Sir/Madam

**The North Somerset Council (Banwell Bypass and Southern Link) Compulsory Purchase Order 2022; and The North Somerset Council (Banwell Bypass and Southern Link) (Side Roads) Order 2022 (the "Orders")**

We act on behalf of National Grid Electricity Distribution (South West) plc ("**NGED**") (formerly Western Power Distribution (South West) plc), whose registered office is at Avonbank, Feeder Road, Bristol, BS2 0TB.

NGED has been notified of the Orders and has submitted holding objections to the Secretary of State for Transport in respect of these. The deadline for submitting objections to the Orders is 25 November 2022, as confirmed by North Somerset Council in the Order notices received by NGED and dated 10 October 2022.

Pursuant to Section 16 of the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 (the "**ALA1981**"), NGED also wishes to place this representation and holding objections to the Orders with the Secretary of State for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy as the appropriate Minister. The details of the representations are set out below.

Interests in land are comprised in the proposed Orders which are held by NGED for the purpose of its undertaking. However, to date NGED has not yet determined the full impact of the Orders on its electricity network. In particular, NGED wishes to understand:

- How the proposal will ensure security of the electricity supply in the area.

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- How the proposal will protect the electricity network during the construction phase of the scheme and following its completion.
- Precise details of the design or construction of the scheme and therefore potential operational implications.
- Precise details of the property rights and interests that will be affected by the implementation of the Orders.

Representatives of NGED and North Somerset Council have been in discussions with regards to 7 separate diversions of NGED's assets, which comprise of the undergrounding of a mixture of high and low voltage overhead assets. These diversions are required in order to facilitate the construction of the scheme connected with the Orders.

Given the nature of these diversions, the Orders have the potential to cause serious detriment to the carrying on of NGED's statutory responsibilities which may result in a significant negative impact upon the distribution of electricity in the area.

Therefore, in order to ensure that no detrimental impact is suffered by NGED as a result of the confirmation of the Orders, NGED may require an asset protection agreement to be entered into by North Somerset Council before the Orders are confirmed.

Please therefore accept this letter as NGED's representations to the Orders consisting of holding objections. The objections are framed as "*holding*" objections as NGED would not wish these to be considered as outright objections to the project. The objections are being made in order to protect NGED's statutory rights and duties pursuant to the Electricity Act 1989.

We would expect the objections to be withdrawn once discussions are progressed and finalised with North Somerset Council regarding solutions to protect NGED's electricity network and formal agreements (if required) are concluded.

We would be grateful if you could confirm receipt of this letter to the undersigned at the address or e-mail given, and address all further correspondence to the same.

Yours faithfully



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