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Hinkley Point C Connection Project

Consultation Strategy

Section 1: Project Information

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SECTION 1: PROJECT INFORMATION

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1.1 Section 2 of this document contains National Grid's Statement of Community Consultation for the Hinkley Point C Connection Project. The preceding sections provide background information about National Grid and the project and outlines the purpose of and principles underpinning the Statement of Community Consultation.

2 BACKGROUND TO NATIONAL GRID

- 2.1.1 National Grid owns and operates the high voltage electricity transmission network in England and Wales.
- 2.1.2 When developing proposals for new network infrastructure, we have a duty under the Electricity Act 1989 to do so in an efficient, co-ordinated and economical way. As a statutory undertaker we also have environmental responsibilities which may shape how our network develops. How we set out to meet those environmental responsibilities, including our commitment to carrying out early consultation about major project proposals, is explained in our Stakeholder, Community and Amenity Policy (Appendix 1).

3 THE PROJECT

- 3.1.1 We anticipate that in summer 2011 we will be applying to the Infrastructure Planning Commission for a Development Consent Order for a new double circuit 400 kilovolt (kV) overhead electricity transmission line connection between Bridgwater substation in Somerset and Seabank substation, north of Avonmouth in Bristol. The new connection will be approximately 56 km in length.
- 3.1.2 In addition, we will be undertaking minor line entry modifications to the existing overhead lines at Hinkley Point to connect a new proposed gas-insulated (GIS) substation on the site of EDF's proposed new nuclear power station at Hinkley Point in Somerset. Further works will also be required including the construction of a new 400kV substation at Aust in South Gloucestershire and an extension to the existing Seabank substation. If Route Corridor One (Option A) of the two route options identified (see 3.1.6 for further details) were to be chosen, a new grid supply point substation at Churchill in North Somerset and a new 4km length of 400kV overhead line to connect it with the new Bridgwater to Seabank overhead line would also be required.
- 3.1.3 The proposed new infrastructure is needed to connect EDF's proposed new nuclear power station at Hinkley Point in Somerset to the National Grid high voltage electricity transmission system by September 2017. Our application for a Development Consent Order will be made under the Planning Act 2008 ('the 2008 Act').
- 3.1.4 The proposed development is Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Development and as such the application will be accompanied by an Environmental Statement under the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009.
- 3.1.5 Two broad route corridor options for a new line between Hinkley Point and Seabank have been identified by National Grid, taking account of its statutory duties:
- 3.1.6 **Route Corridor 1 Option A** - involves the removal of an existing Western Power Distribution (WPD) 132kV overhead line and the construction of a new 400kV overhead line in its place which travels in a broadly south-to-north direction between existing National Grid substations at Bridgwater in Somerset and Seabank, north of Avonmouth

in Bristol, via Portishead in North Somerset. This option would also require a new grid supply point substation at Churchill in North Somerset and a new 4km length of 400,000 volt overhead line to connect it with the new Bridgwater to Seabank overhead line.

- 3.1.7 **Route Corridor 1 Option B** – considers the construction of a new 400kV overhead line parallel to the existing Western Power Distribution (WPD) 132kV overhead line either to the east or west. The existing WPD 132kV overhead line would not be removed.
- 3.1.8 **Route Corridor 2** – involves the construction of a new 400kV overhead line between Bridgwater and Seabank substations, as far as possible from the existing Western Power Distribution (WPD) 132kV overhead line. This corridor seeks to avoid paralleling of overhead lines, although this may not be possible in certain locations due to environmental constraints and urban areas. The existing WPD 132kV overhead line would not be removed.

4 PURPOSE OF THE STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

- 4.1.1 Whilst our proposals are still at an early stage in their development we would like to hear the views of communities and interested parties in the area and to see whether and how their feedback can shape the further development of our proposals. The 2008 Act requires us to undertake public consultation with people living in the vicinity of the proposed works in advance of any Development Consent Order application to the Infrastructure Planning Commission and ultimately to explain how feedback from our consultations has influenced the proposal that goes forward to the Infrastructure Planning Commission.
- 4.1.2 The Statement of Community Consultation in section 2 has been prepared to set out how we propose to carry out that consultation pursuant to Section 47 of the 2008 Act. It has been prepared in consultation with Somerset County Council, West Somerset District Council, Sedgemoor District Council, North Somerset Council, South Gloucestershire Council and Bristol City Council and takes account of their comments. It has been informed by relevant government guidance, specifically the Department of Communities and Local Government’s “Planning Act 2008 - Guidance on pre-application consultation”, the relevant local authority’s Statements of Community Involvement and our own policy and experience in this area.
- 4.1.3 As our proposals evolve and develop there will be other stages during which local communities and interested parties in the area will be invited to express their views. The main consultation stages and a provisional timetable (including publicity once the Development Consent Order application has been submitted to the Infrastructure Planning Commission) are set out in the Statement of Community Consultation and described below.

4.2 Consultation Stage One

- 4.2.1 We will invite the views of people, local communities and interested parties living in the vicinity of the proposed works about:
1. broad route corridor and substation siting options which National Grid has identified taking account of its statutory duties; and
 2. the next steps – how your comments will be taken into account, how we envisage taking forward the development of our proposals, when we anticipate reaching a decision about our preferred option, anticipated further consultations and timescales.

4.3 Consultation Stage Two

- 4.3.1 Once your views on the route corridor options have been taken into account and we have decided upon a preferred option, we will develop route alignments for the

proposed electric line within the preferred route corridor and carry out further consultations with local communities and interested parties living in the vicinity of those more precise alignment options. A final choice about our preferred route alignment will only be taken after feedback obtained at this stage has been taken into account.

- 4.3.2 Consultation will also be undertaken at this stage on the preliminary environmental information gathered as part of the EIA.

4.4 Provisional timetable

- 4.4.1 The timetable set out below is our best estimate at this stage and may be subject to change as the project progresses. Changes to the overall programme will be communicated through the methods outlined in Section 5 below.

October 2009

Publication of final Statement of Community Consultation

12th October 2009 to 8th January 2010

Stage One - Consultation on Route Corridor Options

February 2010 to 31st March 2011

Stage Two - Consultation on Route Alignment and Preliminary Environmental Information

Summer 2011

Submit Development Consent Order application, Environmental Statement and Consultation Report to the Infrastructure Planning Commission and thereafter publicise, giving the opportunity for interested parties to comment to the Infrastructure Planning Commission.

4.5 Consultation zones

- 4.5.1 For the purpose of the Stage One Consultation public consultation, we have defined two broad geographic consultation zones which are shown on the map at Appendix 3. These have been drawn up following discussions with Somerset County Council, West Somerset District Council, Sedgemoor District Council, North Somerset Council, South Gloucestershire Council and Bristol City Council and are based on the following principles:

Consultation Zone One

- 4.5.2 Zone One extends at least 1 km either side of the broad overhead line route corridor options or at least 1 km around the broad substation siting locations. Households in Zone One will be contacted by letter with a project summary leaflet and details of planned public exhibitions in addition to being covered by the more general communications outlined in Section 5.

Consultation Zone Two

- 4.5.3 Zone Two encompasses those households that are more than 1km from the broad overhead line route corridor or broad substation siting locations, but still within the same Town and Parish Council areas. Within Zone Two, we will offer briefings to all of the Town and Parish Councils. Communities within Zone Two will also be covered by the more general communications outlined in Section 5.
- 4.5.4 As our proposals are refined from broad route corridor options to specific detailed alignments, the same criteria will be applied to define consultation zones at Stage Two. We will redefine our consultation zone around the preferred corridor.

5 HOW ARE WE CONSULTING AND HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE?

5.1 Consultations with people living in the vicinity of our proposals

5.1.1 Throughout the consultation process, we will be inviting communities and interested parties to view, discuss and comment on the development of our proposals and the project team can be reached in a number of different ways. We will endeavour to ensure that public consultation is effective to ensure that all members of the community have the opportunity to express their views. We will endeavour to provide clear and concise information about the project and its impacts throughout the pre-application consultation process to enable constructive debate to take place.

5.1.2 We have identified the following ways in which the public can express their views but these will evolve during the consultation process and will be tailored to the needs of each of the project development stages leading up to the submission of our application for a Development Consent Order to the Infrastructure Planning Commission.

Online

5.1.3 Project summary information, the Statement of Community Consultation and this supporting guidance document, National Grid policy guidance documents and other relevant technical documents will be made available online at www.nationalgrid.com/hinkleyconnection along with instructions on how to comment.

Inspection Copies

5.1.4 Inspection copies of the project summary information, the Statement of Community Consultation and other relevant technical documents will be made available to view free of charge at the following locations during the opening hours indicated and at appropriate local libraries:

- National Grid, Company Secretariat Office, 1 – 3 Strand, London, WC2N 5EH (Opening Hours: 08.30 – 16.30 Monday – Friday)
- Somerset County Council, County Hall, Taunton, TA1 4DY (Opening Hours: 09:00 to 17:00 Mon – Thurs and 09:00 to 16:30 Fridays)
- West Somerset District Council, West Somerset House, Killick Way, Williton, Taunton, TA4 4QA (Opening Hours: 08:30 to 17:00 Mon – Thurs and 08:30 to 16:30 Fridays)
- Sedgemoor District Council, Bridgwater House, King Square, Bridgwater, TA6 3AR (Opening Hours: 08:45 to 17:00 Monday to Friday)
- North Somerset Council, Town Hall, Walliscote Grove Road, Weston-Super-Mare, North Somerset, BS23 1UJ (Opening Hours: 08:45 to 17.00 Mon – Thurs and 08:45 to 16:30 Fridays)
- South Gloucestershire Council, Castle Street, Thornbury, BS35 1HF (Opening Hours: 08.45 to 17.00 Mon – Thurs and 08.45 to 16.30 Fridays)
- Bristol City Council, Brunel House, St Georges Road, Bristol, BS1 5UY (Opening Hours: 08.30 to 17.00 Mon – Thurs and 08.30 to 16.30 Fridays)

- 5.1.5 Members of the public will be able to provide feedback either online or in writing by 8th January 2010 (Consultation Stage One) and 31st March 2011 (Consultation Stage Two) to the following freepost address: Hinkley C Connection Project Consultation Response, Freepost, RRKX/EBGK/XXHT, PO Box 5689, London W1A 4FG. Alternatively, they will be able to ring our project freephone number: 0800 377 7347. Any comments received may be submitted either in part or in their entirety to the Infrastructure Planning Commission, including names and addresses supplied.

Public Exhibitions

- 5.1.6 Open exhibitions where people will be able to view our proposals, talk to our project team representatives and record their comments will be held at suitable publicly accessible venues / locations at approximately 6km intervals within the consultation zones along the length of the proposed route and, where such venues / locations are available, in the consultation zones surrounding proposed substations. People will be informed about the venues and dates as and when events are organised at the various consultation stages through a range of communication channels including advertisements in appropriate local newspapers, via our website and the media, by direct communications and project updates. As explained at Section 4.5, the consultation zones are shown on the map at Appendix 3.
- 5.1.7 Feedback forms will be available at the exhibitions for members of the public to record their comments and these can either be left with the project team representatives and/or sent back to us separately via the Hinkley C Connection Project Consultation Response freepost address noted above.

Parish and Town Council Briefings

- 5.1.8 During Consultation Stage One we will offer to meet and offer project briefings with Parish and Town Councils in the vicinity of the proposed works to outline and discuss our proposals. The following Parish and Town Council areas are dissected by Consultation Zone One and have been identified from our consultations with Somerset County Council, West Somerset District Council, Sedgemoor District Council, North Somerset Council, South Gloucestershire Council and Bristol City Council:

- North Petherton, Bridgwater Without, Westonzoyland, Burtle, Mark, Brent Knoll, East Brent, Wedmore, Compton Bishop, Bridgwater, Puriton, Chedzoy, Bawdrip, Stawell, Woolavington Chilton Polden, Cossington, Edington, East Huntspill, Burnham Without, Badgworth, hapel Allerton, Weare, Bleadon, Winscombe and Sandford, Yatton, Loxton, Hutton, Banwell Puxton, Churchill, Congresbury, Wrington, Wick St. Lawrence, Kingston Seymour, Brockley Clevedon, Kenn, Nailsea, Tickenham, Clapton-in-Gordano, Backwell, Wraxall and Failand, Portishead and North Weston, Portbury, Easton-in-Gordano, Locking, Flax Bourton, St. Georges, Almondsbury, Pilning and Severn Beach, Aust, Weston-super-Mare and Stogursey. Wards: Kingsweston, Henbury, Avonmouth

Other Public Stakeholder Groups

- 5.1.9 Where invited, and where possible, we will attend meetings of relevant existing public stakeholder groups affected by our proposals. This may include community interest groups, area panels, amenity /area focused groups and resident/neighbourhood groups.

Community Forum

- 5.1.10 As we build our relationship with local communities, we will consider, in consultation with relevant Town and Parish Councils, whether there is benefit in establishing a Community Forum, to which we would invite local community nominated representatives to discuss our proposals. If a similar forum is established by our customer, EDF Energy, we will participate when invited to.

Specific Consultation Approaches

- 5.1.11 Sometimes local planning authorities and/or organisations representing the interests of particular ‘hard to reach’ groups may identify a need to communicate our proposals perhaps in a slightly different way to parts of the community who may otherwise find it difficult to effectively engage with us through the methods outlined above. Through our consultations with Somerset County Council, West Somerset District Council, Sedgemoor District Council, North Somerset Council, South Gloucestershire Council and Bristol City Council it has been identified that certain ‘hard to reach’ groups exist within the project area and guidance has been given to us on how best to engage these groups through the consultation methods explained in this document and in the SOCC.
- 5.1.12 Where, through consultation with the public and/or local authorities, other bodies with a potential interest in our proposals are identified, such as local schools or businesses, we will consider how best to make contact with and engage these groups in our consultations.

Publicity & advertising

- 5.1.13 In accordance with Section 47(6) of the 2008 Act, the Statement of Community Consultation is being publicised in the following local and regional newspapers:
- West Somerset Free Press & News and West Somerset Trader
 - Weston & Somerset Mercury
 - Weston-super-Mare Midweek Mercury
 - North Somerset Times
 - Bridgwater Times and Burnham & Highbridge Times
 - Mid Somerset Series including Central Somerset Gazette, Cheddar Valley Gazette, Shepton Gazette and Wells Journal
 - Clevedon Mercury
 - South West Bristol Observer and South Gloucester Observer
 - Bristol Evening Post
 - Western Daily Press
 - Bridgwater Mercury and Burnham & Highbridge Weekly News
 - Somerset County Gazette
 - Gloucestershire County Gazette Series including Gloucestershire Gazette Thornbury Gazette, Chipping Sodbury & Yate Gazette and the Dursley Gazette

Project Update

- 5.1.14 Between now and the submission of our Development Consent Order application to the Infrastructure Planning Commission, project updates will be produced according to project milestones, but at least every six months providing an update on our proposals and the consultation process, and reporting on the outcome of the consultation process. These will be distributed as appropriate to residents and community groups in Consultation Zone One, by e-mail to those registering for further communications on our website and to Parish and Town Councils who wish to receive them. Copies will be made available on our website and provided on request by our project team.

5.2 Statutory Consultations

- 5.2.1 These public consultations form an important part of our wider project-related consultations. There are consultations taking place throughout the pre-application process with a wide range of statutory and non-statutory organisations such as relevant local authorities, the Environment Agency, Natural England, English Heritage for example. Once a route corridor has been identified, consultations with landowners, occupiers and persons with an interest in the land will also take place. A map showing all the local authorities, with whom we are consulting, is shown at Appendix 2.

6 NEXT STEPS

- 6.1.1 Feedback and comments made at all stages of the consultation process will be recorded and carefully considered by the project team. Where appropriate, our project team will respond directly on the points that people make. Should other potentially viable options be raised during our consultations, we will consider their relative merits and report on them.
- 6.1.2 How feedback has been taken into account will be explained in a number of ways and it will be explained at subsequent public consultations. Where appropriate, feedback will also be provided by direct communications, local meetings and media and project updates. Ultimately, how comments received have shaped and influenced our proposals will be reported to the Infrastructure Planning Commission in a Consultation Report prepared by us, which will accompany our Development Consent Order application as required by Section 37(3)(c) of the 2008 Act. The Development Consent Order application to the Infrastructure Planning Commission, including that the proposed development is EIA development, will be publicised and the Consultation Report and the Environmental Statement (or a summary as appropriate) will be made available on our website and at inspection locations.
- 6.1.3 We anticipate taking a decision about which option to take forward for detailed Environmental Impact Assessment in February 2010 and ultimately which option will form the Development Consent Order application to the Infrastructure Planning Commission.
- 6.1.4 Between February 2010 and March 2011, consultation will take place on the preliminary environmental information (PEI) that informs the preparation of the Environmental Statement. The scope of the EIA will be discussed in a series of scoping meetings with the local authorities and organisations like Natural England. We will then apply to the IPC for a Scoping Opinion in November 2009. The scope of the EIA will then be published on our website with a schedule of the surveys we expect to undertake, giving an indication, where known, of the dates and periods of time over which such surveys will be undertaken. On completion of the surveys and information gathering, consultation, by the methods outlined in this document and the SOCC, will be carried out around each of the subject areas as appropriate where it is considered consultation will bring a value to the project and where a decision is to be made. The programme for the consultation will be communicated via the project website, by direct communications and media and project updates once the EIA scope has been agreed and a preferred route corridor has been chosen.
- 6.1.5 Presently, we anticipate that a Development Consent Order application to the Infrastructure Planning Commission would potentially be ready for submission around summer 2011.

7 CONSULTATIONS BEING UNDERTAKEN BY OTHERS IN THE AREA

7.1.1 We are aware that other organisations are likely to be carrying out a number of related and other significant consultations that may have a bearing on our plans. We recognise that other consultations will make demands on the time of the public and their representatives. We will therefore, wherever possible, work closely with those organisations to try to ensure that the timing and content of our consultations has due regard to other related consultation events and seeks to avoid confusion and minimise the risk of inconvenience to consultees. Forthcoming potentially relevant consultations that we are aware of include:

- Sedgemoor District Council has been consulting on their Local Development Framework from summer 2009.
- Somerset County Council has been consulting on the Taunton Transport Strategy since summer 2009.
- West Somerset District Council concluded their Local Development Framework consultation on 1st September 2009. However consultation on Section 106 elements may be ongoing after this date.
- Somerset County Council will be consulting on their Waste Core Strategy (covering nuclear waste also) from Autumn 2009.
- Environment Agency consulting on the Steart Realignment from September 2009.
- EDF Energy consultation in advance of submission of the Development Consent Order Application to the Infrastructure Planning Commission.
- Somerset County Council consultation on issues arising from the Place Survey – 300 people from “hard to reach groups”.
- The Severn Estuary Group will be consulting the public and statutory consultees on shoreline management plans.
- Government consultation on a draft National Policy Statement (NPS) on nuclear power, expected in the autumn/winter of 2009, which will specify where new nuclear power stations can be located.
- Environment Agency consultation on the habitat mitigation measures proposed in the vicinity of Hinkley Point to compensate for habitat loss associated with the development of a deep-sea container port at Bristol. This local consultation is expected in October 2009.

8 FURTHER INFORMATION

8.1.1 For further information about National Grid and/or our plans for the Hinkley Point C Connection Project, please contact the project team via our dedicated freephone information number 0800 377 7347 or at the following freepost address; Hinkley C Connection Project Consultation Response, Freepost, RRKX/EBGK/XXHT, PO Box 5689, London W1A 4FG or via our website www.nationalgrid.com/hinkleyconnection

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Introduction

National Grid Electricity Transmission plc is publishing this Statement of Community Consultation in connection with a proposed new 400kilovolt (kV) overhead electricity transmission line between Bridgwater Substation in Somerset and Seabank Substation, North of Avonmouth in Bristol plus associated 400kV substation works at Aust, Seabank and possibly Churchill (which would also require an additional 4km overhead line connection from the proposed new line). The Statement sets out how National Grid proposes to consult people living in the vicinity of the proposed infrastructure works.

The proposed electricity infrastructure is needed to connect EDF's proposed new nuclear power station at Hinkley Point in Somerset to the National Grid high voltage electricity transmission system by September 2017. Following selection of a preferred option and detailed environmental impact assessment, an application for a Development Consent Order will be made to the Infrastructure Planning Commission under the Planning Act 2008 accompanied by an Environmental Statement under the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009, which we anticipate will be in summer 2011.

Consultation with people living in the vicinity of the proposed development will be undertaken in two main stages and throughout the course of the project as follows:

Consultation Stage One October 2009 to 8th January 2010 (12 weeks): Consultation on the proposed overhead line route corridor options and substation siting options and consultation on people's preferred method for receiving information during Consultation Stage Two.

Consultation Stage Two February 2010 to 31st March 2011 (13 months): Consultation on the positioning of towers (detailed alignment) along the chosen preferred route corridor and consultation on the preliminary environmental information prepared as part of the Environmental Statement.

We will endeavour to provide clear and concise information about the project and its impacts throughout the pre-application consultation process to enable constructive debate to take place. We are publishing a Stakeholder, Community and Amenity Policy which sets out our commitments to consultation.

Consultation during stages one and two will be undertaken by the following means:

METHOD	DETAIL
<i>Public Exhibitions</i>	Open exhibitions where you can view our proposals, talk to our project team representatives and record your comments will be held at suitable publicly accessible venues / locations at approximately 6 km intervals along the length of the proposed route and where such venues / locations are available in the vicinity of the proposed substations. Notice of the public exhibitions will be given on our project website, by direct communications, and media and project updates, when the venues and dates have been finalised. Feedback forms will be available at the exhibitions for you to record your comments.

METHOD	DETAIL
Letters	At Consultation Stage One people living within about 1km of the proposed route corridor options will be contacted by letter with a project summary leaflet and details of planned public exhibitions.
Parish and Town Briefings	Parish and Town Councils within whose area the proposed works will be constructed will be offered briefings at Consultation Stage One to discuss our proposals.
Other public stakeholder group meetings	When invited and where it is possible to do so, we will attend meetings of local community groups affected by our proposals.
Community Forum	As we build our relationship with local communities, we will consider, in consultation with relevant Town and Parish Councils, whether there is benefit in establishing a Community Forum, to which we would invite local community nominated representatives to discuss our proposals. If a similar forum is established by our customer, EDF Energy, we will participate when invited.
Project Update	Between now and the submission of our Development Consent Order application to the Infrastructure Planning Commission, project updates will be produced according to key project milestones, but at least every six months, providing an update on our proposals and the consultation process, and reporting on the outcome of the consultation process. These will be distributed to residents and community groups, by e-mail to those registering for further communications on our website, and to Parish and Town Councils who wish to receive them. Copies will be made available on our website and provided on request by our project team.
Written Comments	Written comments can be made either online or in writing by 8 th January 2010 (Consultation Stage One), and 31 st March 2011 (Consultation Stage Two) to the following freepost address: Hinkley C Connection Project Consultation Response, Freepost, RRRX/EBGK/XXHT, PO Box 5689, London W1A 4FG or by ringing our project freephone number: 0800 377 7347. Comments can also be posted on the dedicated project website www.nationalgrid.com/hinkleyconnection

Project Documents available for inspection

Project summary information, this Statement of Community Consultation, policy guidance documents and other relevant technical documents will be available online and will be added to throughout the course of the project at www.nationalgrid.com/hinkleyconnection and will be available to view free of charge at the inspection locations listed below;

- National Grid, Company Secretariat Office, 1 – 3 Strand, London, WC2N 5EH (Opening Hours: 08.30 to 16.30 Monday – Friday)
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Comments made at all stages of the consultation process will be recorded and carefully considered by the project team. Should other potentially viable options be raised during our consultations, we will consider their relative merits and report on them. How feedback has been taken into account will be explained by direct communications, local meetings, media and project updates. Ultimately, how comments received have shaped and influenced our proposals will be reported to the Infrastructure Planning Commission in a Consultation Report prepared by us which will accompany our Development Consent Order application as required by Section 37(3) (c) of the 2008 Act. Any comments received may therefore be submitted either in part or in their entirety to the Infrastructure Planning Commission, including names and addresses supplied. The Development Consent Order application to the Infrastructure Planning Commission will be publicised and the Consultation Report will be made available on our website and at inspection locations. Where appropriate a charge may be made for copies of project documents up to a maximum of £100 each for a printed hard copy and £15 each for a CD-Rom.

Dated this 8th October 2009

National Grid Electricity Transmission plc

Appendix 1 National Grid’s Stakeholder, Community & Amenity Policy

Appendix 2 Local Authorities

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