

Redaction Explanatory Statement

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Section 2 of the RIIO-2 Re-Opener Guidance and Application Requirements Document (“Re-Opener Guidance”) requires a licensee, within five working days of submitting a re-opener application to Ofgem, to publish its complete application in a prominent place on the company website. The Re-Opener Guidance states that only necessary redactions should be made and, where this is the case, licensees are required to publish an explanation for the redaction. The purpose of this document is to provide such explanation.

The Re-Opener Guidance recognises that redactions may be appropriate for reasons including confidentiality, commercial sensitivity and security

In publishing re-opener applications in accordance with the Re-Opener Guidance we want to be as open and transparent as possible. However, given the nature of our business it has been necessary to redact certain confidential information from the re-opener applications. This statement explains the reasons for our redactions.

Commercially Confidential information

Certain information contained within the re-opener applications is classified as “Commercially Confidential” to National Grid Electricity Transmission plc as it contains competitively sensitive information. This type of information identifies or could reveal the cost data of our assets or activities that we source from 3rd party providers on a competitive basis (e.g. goods and services in relation to the construction, operation and maintenance of our network). Publishing this data would be prejudicial to the commercial interests of National Grid Electricity Transmission plc and, as a consequence of this, would be prejudicial to the interests of consumers.

Chapter 1 of the Competition Act 1998 prohibits the exchange of competitively sensitive information, therefore publishing any of this type of information would be unlawful.

Information of this nature has been redacted from the published re-opener applications.

Information has also been redacted from the documents published on the basis that it relates to our future potential contractors and suppliers, which have not yet been subject to a procurement process. Publishing this information would be prejudicial to the commercial interests of National Grid Electricity Transmission plc and therefore our customers and end consumers.

Third Party Information

Certain information within the re-opener applications relates to a particular third-party individual or business that may not be in the public domain. This type of information could, for example, reveal the identity of a customer, their proposed project type, their planned connection dates or estimated construction costs. Publication of this information could impact on the customer’s business case and underlying project economics and could be detrimental to the customer’s economic interests.

Section 105 of the Utilities Act 2000 provides that such information cannot be disclosed by us save in limited circumstances or with the consent of the individual or person carrying on the business. Information of this nature has been redacted from the published re-opener applications where we do not have this consent.