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Dear Mr McKenna

The National Grid Electricity Transmission (Harker Energy Enablement Project) Compulsory Purchase Order ("the Order")

Proposed Modifications to the Order

We act for National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc ("**NGET**"), the acquiring authority in the above matter.

In the course of preparing for the forthcoming public inquiry, it has become apparent to NGET that it wishes the Secretary of State to amend the Order by modification at the time of confirmation in accordance with the Secretary of State's powers in section 13A of the Acquisition of Land Act 1981. The proposed modifications and explanation for the same are as follows:

(1) Removal of Plot 314 from the Order

Due to a change in the outage dates associated with the Harker Energy Enablement Project ("**the Project**"), it has been possible for NGET to re-sequence some of the works associated with the Project so the works being programmed to be carried out on the T route overhead line can take place at a time that is much closer to when the works are due to take place on the V and AL overhead line routes.

This means that the Project can now be completed without the use of the proposed compound area on the T route (which is identified as Plot 314 within the Order). As such, it is no longer necessary for NGET to acquire any rights over Plot 314 for the delivery of the Project and this plot can therefore be removed from the Order.

It should be noted that this proposed modification directly addresses - and so would fully resolve - the following outstanding objections (using the objection numbering referred to in Section 18 of NGET's Statement of Case), both of which specifically concern Plot 314:

- Ground 6 in Objection 2 (Castletown Trst LLP); and
- Ground 3 in Objection 3 (Giles Herchard Gubbins Mounsey-Heysham).

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(2) Typographical correction to the Order

It has also come to our attention that there is a minor typographical error in the legislative cross-references in the column headings to Table 2 within the Order – specifically:

- The heading "Other qualifying person under section 12(2)(a) of the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 (7)" should be amended as follows (with proposed modification shown in **bold** for ease of reference):

"Other qualifying person under section 12(**2A**)(a) of the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 (7)"

- The heading "Other qualifying person under section 12(2)(a) of the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 – not otherwise shown in Tables 1 and 2 (8)" should be amended as follows (with proposed modification shown in **bold** for ease of reference):

"Other qualifying person under section 12(**2A**)(b) of the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 – not otherwise shown in Tables 1 and 2 (8)"

Accordingly, ahead of the public inquiry opening on 5 March 2024 and in accordance with paragraph 44 of the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities' *Guidance on Compulsory purchase process and The Criche Down Rules* (July 2019), we write in order to request that the Secretary of State confirms the Order with the modifications set out at (1) and (2) above.

We have copied this letter to the Planning Inspectorate and, as per the aforementioned guidance, to the representative of the outstanding objectors to the Order.

Yours sincerely

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