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Our Ref: 9.0_6H_AMS B – MAJOR REQUIREMENT

19 January 2021

Dear Philip,

The National Grid (Hinkley Point C Connection Project) Order 2016 (As amended) Formal Submission to discharge of Requirement 6(1)(h) – Archaeological Method Statement for Stage 9 of the authorised development

National Grid is writing to request the discharge of Requirement 6(1)(h) of the National Grid (Hinkley Point C Connection Project) Order 2016 (as amended) ('the DCO').

Requirement 6(1)(h) is a 'Major Requirement' and must be discharged in accordance with Schedule 4 of the DCO, most notably in writing to National Grid and by **16 March 2021** at the latest. Further information is provided below.

Background

National Grid gained development consent from the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change (now BEIS) for the Project on 19th January 2016. The DCO provides powers to National Grid for the Project, and powers to Western Power Distribution (WPD) for the WPD works. The Project comprises a 400,000 volt (400kV) electricity transmission connection between Bridgwater, Somerset and Seabank Substation, north of Avonmouth, together with associated development.

The Project has been divided into 13 stages of authorised development, as well as 'sub-stages'. Stage 9 of the authorised development falls within the administrative boundaries of North Somerset Council and consists of works to Portishead 132kV WPD substation and BW Route undergrounding south of the river Avon.

Legislative Framework

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The DCO is governed by primary legislation under the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and is therefore considered and determined separately from the traditional planning applications submitted under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

The DCO includes an extensive number of legal and legislative provisions which enables a developer to implement the project. The authorised development is outlined at Schedule 1 of the DCO.

At Schedule 3, the DCO includes a number of Requirements. Some of these require further information to be submitted for approval to the relevant authority (principally the relevant planning authority or the relevant highway authority), before the authorised development can commence, this includes Requirement 6(1)(h).

Requirement 6(1)(h)

Requirement 6(1)(h) of the DCO places an obligation on National Grid to provide an Archaeological Method Statement for that stage of the authorised development to the relevant planning authority for approval.

Requirement 6(1)(h) of the DCO is as follows:

(1) No stage of the authorised development may commence until, for that stage, the following plans, scheme, method statements and strategy, to minimise the impacts of construction works, have been submitted to and approved by the relevant planning authority—

(h) Archaeological Method Statements.

This application

This application has been submitted for approval to North Somerset Council as the relevant planning authority for the Stage 9 of the authorised development.

The required application fee payment has been made to the North Somerset Council today.

This application has been submitted through the Planning Portal. Enclosed with this covering letter with the application is the following:

- HPC_9.0_6H_B AMS (Main Report)
- HPC_9.0_6H_B AMS Appendix A - B
- HPC_9.0_6H_B AMS Appendix C - D

The Archaeological Method Statement has been prepared taking into account the advice received from the relevant planning authority in response to pre-application received on **1 December 2020**.

Should you have any queries about this matter please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



Nick Coombes Senior Consents Officer