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Dear Sir,

Re: Section 37 Overhead Line Works on the existing 400 kV 2WS Lines in the vicinity of the Spalding Tee-Point, Surfleet Seas End and Moulton Seas End.

Part Two of Form B provides for South Holland District Councils View on the development described in Part One of the Form B for the above Overhead Line Works. South Holland District Council request that this letter is taken as the District Councils view of the development instead of answers to the questions of Form B Part Two.

That National Grid Electricity Transmission plc ('NGET') be advised that the District Planning Authority (on behalf of South Holland District Council) has very strong and major concerns over the submission of the Section 37 Consents for works to overhead line 2WS at Spalding Tee in advance of (a) the submission and (b) the determination of the Weston Marsh Substation Application (that is yet to be submitted to the District Council).

The District Council therefore considers the submission to be premature and requests that the Secretary of State does not determine the Section 37 Consents until (a) the submission of the Weston Marsh Substation Application to the District Council and (b) the determination of the Application.

In addition, the District Council requests that the Secretary of State carefully considers the impacts of the development, currently described in Form B, accompanying plans and Environmental Summary Report, particularly in relation to:

- i. loss of Best and Most Versatile Agricultural Land

- ii. construction impacts upon the local community including the impact of construction traffic and the suitability of Stonegate for construction traffic (noting that the Highway Authority may provide further comments in their response).
- iii. the cumulative impacts of the Weston Marsh Substation.
- iv. the siting of the infrastructure particularly the Pylons in relation residential properties and local businesses.
- v. socio economics both positive and negative in relation to local employment, jobs and investment in the local area.
- vi. landowner compensation.

The suggested mitigation in the form of a Soil Management Plan, Construction Environmental Management Plan and a Landscape and Ecological Management Plan all based upon Outline Management Plans to be submitted as part of the Section 37 submission should also be secured by planning conditions attached to the deemed consent under section 90 of the Planning Act.

Subject to the Secretary of States consideration of the above matters and the imposition of planning conditions to secure appropriate mitigation the District Council does not request that a public inquiry be held pursuant to paragraph 2 of Schedule 8 of the Electricity Act 1989 before the Secretary of State reaches a decision on the application.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the case officer Joe O'Sullivan. Many Thanks

Yours Faithfully

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