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Dear Keren,

**National Grid Electricity Transmission response to Ofgem's consultation on Final Needs Case for the Hackney Waltham Cross Upgrade North London reinforcement project**

This letter is National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc's (NGET's) response to Ofgem's document "Consultation on the Final Needs Case for the Hackney Waltham Cross Upgrade North London reinforcement project (North London project)".

We welcome the approach Ofgem has taken to engagement on Hackney Waltham Cross Upgrade North London reinforcement project (HWUP) recognising the complexity of a changing regulatory environment while also progressing the project to remain on track for the EISD of 2027.

**Consultation Response**

**Consultation Question 1: Do you agree with the technical need for investment on the transmission network?**

Yes, we welcome Ofgem's findings that there is a technical need for the HWUP investment to increase the capability of boundaries EC5 (bordering East Anglia), LE1 (around London and the South East) and SC1 (running parallel with the South Coast) within NGET's network.

**Consultation Question 2: Do you agree with our conclusions on the technical options considered?**

Yes, we welcome Ofgem's findings that all appropriate options were considered and that HWUP is the optimal technical solution to increase the capability of boundaries EC5, LE1 and SC1.

We look forward to continued engagement with Ofgem on the refurbishment of the ZBD overhead line route to ensure the best outcome for consumers.

**Consultation Question 3: Do you agree with our conclusions on the CBA and the appropriateness of the option taken forward?**

Yes, we welcome Ofgem's conclusions on the submitted FNC CBA that HWUP is the most appropriate option to be taken forward, representing the most economic and efficient solution.

In line with Ofgem's expectations we are continuing to progress HWUP in a timely manner to realise the full benefits of the investment.

Yours sincerely,

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