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Dear James,

Norwich to Tilbury Early Construction Funding

GridLink Interconnector Limited (“**GridLink**”) thanks you for the opportunity to respond to your minded-to position on the consultation titled “Statutory consultation on Norwich to Tilbury Early Construction Funding” published on 13 August 2024 and having the Network Options Assessment (NOA) codes AENC (Northeast Anglia) and ATNC (Southeast Anglia) (the “**Consultation**”).

GridLink is developing a 1,250MW interconnector between Kingsnorth in the UK and Dunkirk in France. As part of the drive to meet Net Zero interim targets by 2030, there will be a significant growth in offshore wind generation and interconnector customer connections in the East Anglia and Southeast England areas, of which GridLink will form part. The proposed Norwich - Tilbury project will help deliver the necessary capacity to meet these objectives whilst reducing constraint costs in an efficient manner.

We therefore support Ofgem’s minded-to position to provide Early Construction Funding (ECF) for the project and the proposed modifications to adjust $ASTIA_t$ in Appendix 1 of Special Condition 3.41 in the NGET licence. This letter and the responses contained in it are not confidential.

Should you have any queries on the above, we are very happy to discuss.

Yours sincerely,



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