I'm writing to inform you that the Applicant is aware of the attached letter sent by National Grid ('NG') to PINS on 6 October 2018.

The Applicant discussed the matter with NG at the end of last week and was informed that NG's Deadline 7 submission (the one that referred to protective provisions – also attached) had been submitted in error.

I wish to reiterate on behalf of the Applicant that the position in the attached Statement of Common Ground still stands, as follows:

"It has been agreed by both parties that Protective Provisions are not needed in the DCO as the leases between SCU and NGET are being varied and updated to allow for the connections to be made. There are no hindrances to these leases being agreed in a suitable timeframe to enable the development to proceed. These leases will cover NGET rights and any protections that they may require and as such NGET are satisfied that they do not require any additional Protective Provisions in the DCO."

I trust this resolves the matter. Protective Provisions are not necessary.

Please do let me know if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

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