

DATE: 4TH MARCH 2024

**THE NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION PLC (SCOTLAND TO ENGLAND
GREEN LINK 2) COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2023**

STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND

(1) NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION PLC

AND

**(2) "MESSRS PRESCOTT" – ANDREW RICHARD PRESCOTT, BENJAMIN RICHARD
PRESCOTT, THE EXECUTOR OF STEPHEN GRANVILLE PRESCOTT & THE
EXECUTOR OF YVONNE PRESCOTT.**

RULE 15 OF THE COMPULSORY PURCHASE (INQUIRIES PROCEDURE) RULES 2007

NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION PLC

THE ELECTRICITY ACT 1989

AND

THE ACQUISITION OF LAND ACT 1981

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (NGET) made The National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (Scotland to England Green Link 2) Compulsory Purchase Order 2023 (the **Order**) on 5 September 2023 in respect of the English onshore elements of a subsea High Voltage Direct Current Link (HVDC) between Peterhead in Aberdeenshire and Drax in North Yorkshire (the **Project**).
- 1.2 Messrs Prescott submitted an objection to the Order dated 7th October 2023 (the **Objection**).
- 1.3 The Objection was based on the CPO application and rights. In particular, the Objection was based on the belief that the CPO application is premature and clarity was needed to explain National Grid's rights over this land (the **Objection Matters**):

2. OBJECTION MATERS

- 2.1 Since making the Order, NGET and Messrs Prescott have been engaged in order to ensure that Messrs Prescott has sufficient information to understand the implications of the Project and the Order for Messrs Prescott.
- 2.2 Over the past 4 months, NGET and Dee Atkinson and Harrison, Messrs Prescott's Agent, have been liaising via email and telephone calls in order to discuss the implications of the Project and the Order for Messrs Prescott and the Objection Matters. NGET provided details to Messrs Prescott in respect of each of the Objection Matters.
- 2.3 Messrs Prescott have been provided with information in respect of the temporary and permanent rights required by National Grid in the Heads of Terms and the Addendum. Messrs Prescott accept that clarity regarding the rights will be available once the draft Option and Deed has been reviewed by their Solicitor.
- 2.4 Messrs Prescott have been provided with information in respect of the CPO application which is being negotiated through voluntary agreements.

| Topic | Sub-section | Objector's comment | EGL2 response | Status |
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| CPO | Premature application of CPO | Messrs Prescott believe it is premature for an application of a CPO as National Grid have not exhausted its voluntary negotiations yet. | Voluntary negotiations are ongoing with Messrs Prescott. They have signed their Heads of Terms agreement, however an option agreement has not been signed. | IN NEGOTIATION |
| Rights over land | Wider ancillary rights. | Landowner requires clear and definitive overview of the wider rights National Grid are seeking over their land. | The extent of the rights required are being discussed and clarified through voluntary negotiations and captured within | IN NEGOTIATION |

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| | | | the signed Heads of Terms. | |
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NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION PLC

(SIGN).....

AND

**ANDREW RICHARD PRESCOTT, BENJAMIN RICHARD PRESCOTT, THE EXECUTOR OF
STEPHEN GRANVILLE PRESCOTT & THE EXECUTOR OF YVONNE PRESCOTT**

(SIGN) *Dee Atkinson Hanson*.....

**As Authorised Agents For and on Behalf of ANDREW RICHARD PRESCOTT, BENJAMIN
RICHARD PRESCOTT, THE EXECUTOR OF STEPHEN GRANVILLE PRESCOTT & THE
EXECUTOR OF YVONNE PRESCOTT**

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