THE NATIONAL GRID VIKING LINK LIMITED (VIKING LINK INTERCONNECTOR) COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2019

GENERAL VESTING DECLARATION No. 9

This **GENERAL VESTING DECLARATION** is executed on 16 February 2023 by National Grid Viking Link Limited ("the Authority").

WHEREAS:

- (A) On the 6th of February 2020 an order entitled The National Grid Viking Link Limited (Viking Link Interconnector) Compulsory Purchase Order 2019 was confirmed by the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy under the powers conferred on him by the Electricity Act 1989 authorising the Authority to acquire the rights specified in column 4 of the Second Schedule over the Plots of land respectively specified and described in columns 1 and 2 of that Schedule.
- (B) Notice of the confirmation of the Order was first published in accordance with section 15 of the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 on the 19th of February 2020.
- (C) That notice included the statement and form prescribed under section 15(4)(e) and (f) of the Acquisition of Land Act 1981.

NOW THIS DEED WITNESSETH that, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 4 of the Compulsory Purchase (Vesting Declarations) Act 1981 ("the Act"), the Authority hereby declares-

- 1. The rights specified in column 4 of the Second Schedule hereto (being rights authorised to be acquired over the land by the order) together with the right to exercise such rights shall, in relation to the Plots of land specified in column 1 and described column 2 of the Second Schedule, and more particularly delineated red and coloured blue on the Plans annexed hereto, vest in the Authority as from the end of the period of 3 months from the date on which the service of notices required by section 6 of the Act is completed ("Vesting Date").
- 2. The rights vested in the Authority by this declaration ("Vested Rights") shall be exercisable by the Authority for the benefit of each and every part of the Viking Link Interconnector project, in respect of which the order was made, and the corporeal and incorporeal property comprised in the business undertaking of the Authority to the intent that the Vested Rights may be exercised by both the Authority, its successors in title, assigns, lessees and those deriving title from them and all persons authorised by any of these in respect of the whole or any part of such property whether it is comprised in the business undertaking of the Authority or the business undertaking of any successor in title or assign and for the purposes of the construction, operation and maintenance thereof.
- 3. In this declaration wherever the context permits:
 - a. reference to any statute or section of any statute includes a reference to any statutory amendments, modification or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force and to every instrument, order, direction, regulation, bye-law, commission, licence, consent, condition, scheme or other such matter made under or pursuant to statute;
 - b. words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa and wording importing gender includes any other gender;
 - c. references to persons includes persons firms and companies;
 - d. references to a particular Schedule are to the relevant Schedule of this declaration.
- 4. For the purposes of section 2(2) of the Act, the specified period in relation to the land comprised in this declaration is one year and one day.

- 5. The Authority hereby requests the Chief Land Registrar:
 - a. to note the benefit of any Vested Rights acquired by the Authority by this declaration in relation to a particular Plot in the Charges Registers of each owner's registered title relating to that Plot as soon as possible following the Vesting Date; or
 - b. where the Plot in question is not registered land, to create a caution against such land protecting the rights granted by this declaration as soon as possible following the Vesting Date.

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FIRST SCHEDULE

(1) Term	(2) Meaning		
Access and Drainage Rights			
Ngnes	access the land and adjoining land for the purposes of constructing, installing, commissioning, inspecting, maintaining, repairing, altering, renewing, replacing and removing or decommissioning the electricity interconnector infrastructure, and carrying out de-watering and drainage works and installing, altering or reinstating land drainage systems, with or without vehicles, plant, machinery, apparatus, equipment, materials, and personnel;		
	carry out works to facilitate such access including to construct, lay down, use and remove access roads including any necessary temporary bridging, culverting or diversion of water courses and drains, modifying road verges and junctions and installing, using, altering, diverting, and removing services and utilities; and		
	carry out de-watering and drainage works and to install, alter, reinstate or remove land drainage systems.		
Drainage Only Rights	All rights necessary to carry out de-watering and drainage works and install, alter, reinstate or remove land drainage systems, including the right to access the land with or without vehicles, plant, machinery, apparatus, equipment, materials and personnel.		
HVDC Cable Rights	All rights necessary for the purposes of or incidental to the retention, operation, protection, repair, renewal, replacement, maintenance and decommissioning of the electricity interconnector infrastructure, including:		
	a) to retain, commission, operate, inspect, maintain, repair, alter, renew, replace and remove or decommission the electricity interconnector infrastructure;		
	b) to take access with or without vehicles, personnel and plant, machinery, apparatus, equipment and materials for such purposes;		
	c) to carry out de-watering and drainage works and install, alter, reinstate or remove land drainage systems;		

	 d) to enter the land and carry out surveys and investigations, including aerial surveys (including the right to fly an unmanned aircraft over the land and to enter and retrieve and recover any such unmanned aircraft from the land); 		
	e) to protect and prevent damage to or interference with the operation and maintenance of the electricity interconnector infrastructure;		
	f) to prevent any works on or use of the land that would prevent access to or the operation and maintenance of the electricity interconnector infrastructure; and		
	g) to prevent changes to the use, or level of the surface of, the land.		
Plans	The plan accompanying this declaration.		
Plot	A plot of land with the number specified in column 1 of the Second Schedule and described in column 2 of the Second Schedule and more particularly delineated and shown edged red and coloured in blue on the Plans.		

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SECOND SCHEDULE

RIGHTS TO BE ACQUIRED

(1) Plot No.	(2) Description of the Land	(3) Title Number(s) known at the date hereof for the purposes of assisting with land registration only	(4) Rights Vested
04-13	Approximately 2,503 metres squared of field and agricultural land (east of Sutton Road, A1111, Bilsby)	LL349698 (freehold)	Drainage Only Rights
04-14 (Part only)	Approximately 3,966 metres squared of field and agricultural land (east of Sutton Road, A1111, Bilsby)	LL349698 (freehold)	HVDC Cable Rights
04-17	Approximately 110 metres squared of field and agricultural land (east of Sutton Road, A1111, Bilsby)		Access and Drainage Rights
04-21	Approximately 24,885 metres squared of field, agricultural land and drains (east of Sutton Road, A1111, Bilsby)	LL349698 (freehold)	Drainage Only Rights
04-22 (Part only)	Approximately 15,141 metres squared of field, agricultural land and drains (east of Sutton Road, A1111, Bilsby)		HVDC Cable Rights
04-24	Approximately 4,035 metres squared of field, agricultural land and drains (east of Sutton Road, A1111, Bilsby)	LL349698 (freehold)	Drainage Only Rights

The Plot numbers above relate to the Plot numbers shown on the Plans accompanying this declaration. The common seal of

NATIONAL GRID VIKING LINK LIMITED
was hereunto affixed on the

IGh February 2023 in the presence of:-

Member of the Board Sealing Committee and

Authorised Signatory.....



