THE NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION (LITTLE HORSTED SUBSTATION CONNECTION) COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2022

GENERAL VESTING DECLARATION No.15

This **GENERAL VESTING DECLARATION** is executed on Grid Electricity Transmission PLC ("the Authority").

10th April

2025 by National

WHEREAS:

- (A) On the 4th of May 2023 an order entitled The National Grid Electricity Transmission (Little Horsted Substation Connection) Compulsory Purchase Order 2022 was confirmed by the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero under the powers conferred on him by the Electricity Act 1989 authorising the Authority to acquire the rights specified in column 3 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 2nd June 2023.
- (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 described in column 3 of the Second Schedule hereto (being rights authorised to be acquired over the land by the order) in relation to the plots of land specified in column 1 and described in column 2 of the Second Schedule and more particularly delineated red and coloured blue on the Plans annexed hereto, together with the right to enter and take possession of the land, shall 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. 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.
- 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. 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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(1) Term	(2) Meaning			
Overhead Line Rights	All rights necessary at all times for the purposes of or incidental to the construction, retention, use, operation, protection, maintenance, repair, renewal, replacement, commissioning and decommissioning of the overhead electricity lines and associated infrastructure, including rights to:			
	(a) enter and be on the land and adjoining land with or without personnel, vehicles, plant, machinery, apparatus and equipment including scaffolding, materials and personnel for such purposes;			
	(b) 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);			
	(c) remove, fell, trim, or lop trees, bushes, crops and other vegetation, including the removal of hedgerow;			
	(d) carry out archaeological, environmental and/or ecological mitigation works and create, use, maintain, inspect, and remove ecological mitigation measures;			
	(e) prevent the carrying out of any works, excavations or other activities which could reasonably foreseeably undermine the stability, safety and integrity of, or damage or interfere with the operation and maintenance of the overhead electricity lines;			
	(f) prevent any works on or use of the land that would prevent access to or the operation and maintenance of the overhead electricity lines;			
	(g) prevent the erection of any building or structure (whether temporary or permanent) or the planting or growing of any plant or tree within 5.3 metres of the overhead electricity lines when they are at a maximum temperature and/or maximum sag/swing;			
	(h) prevent the erection of any building or structure (whether temporary or permanent) or the planting or growing of any plant or tree within or under any tower or within 15 metres from the centre of any tower without the written consent of the acquiring authority (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed and which consent may be granted subject to reasonable conditions);			

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	(i) prevent the storing or placing within or under any tower or within 15 metres from the centre of any tower of any goods, equipment or materials whatsoever without the written consent of the acquiring authority (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed and which consent may be granted subject to reasonable conditions);
	(j) prevent the raising of the level of the surface of the land so as to make the distance between the level of the ground and the lowest conductor on the overhead line at any point of the span less than 7.6 metres;
	and rights to prevent any works on or use of the land that would prevent the exercise of the aforementioned rights.
Working Area Rights	All rights necessary for the purposes of or incidental to the replacement and/or upgrading of overhead electricity lines and associated equipment, including rights to:
	(a) enter and be on the land with or without vehicles, plant, machinery, apparatus, equipment, materials and personnel;
	(b) remove, construct, install, replace, and modify overhead electricity lines and associated equipment;
	(c) test and commission the overhead electricity lines, conductors, electricity pylons and infrastructure within, on or over the land and to remedy initial faults and defects in them at any time prior to the date on which the line is energised and ready for commercial operation;
	(d) enter the land and carry out surveys and investigations, including intrusive and 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) carry out archaeological environmental and/or ecological mitigation works and create, use, maintain, inspect, and remove ecological mitigation measures;
	(f) carry out works required by the contractor by licences or consents.
	(g) remove, replace, fell, trim or lop trees, bushes, crops and other vegetation, including removal of hedgerows;

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	(h)	store and stockpile and where necessary use manage and process plant, machinery, apparatus, and materials (including excavated material) and/or equipment;
	(i)	carry out works to facilitate 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;
1	(j)	fence, erect hoardings, or signage or otherwise secure the working area;
	(k)	install, use and remove artificial lighting;
	(1)	install, use, alter, divert, and remove services and utilities;
	(m)	carry out drainage works and install, alter, or reinstate land drainage systems;
	(n)	erect, use, maintain, repair, reinstate and remove temporary scaffolds,
	and righ	ts to prevent any works on or use of the land that would prevent the exercise of the aforementioned rights.

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SECOND SCHEDULE

RIGHTS TO BE ACQUIRED

(1) Plot No.	(2) Description of the Land	(3) Rights	(4) Title Number
44	Approximately 8 square metres of grassland to the north of the A22 Eastbourne Road, Halland, Lewes, E Sussex	Working Area Rights	ESX193367
45	Approximately 422 square metres of woodland to the north of the A22 Eastbourne Road, Halland, Lewes, E Sussex	Overhead Line Rights	ESX193367

The COMMON SEAL of NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION PLC was hereunto affixed in the presence of :

Authorised Signatory Member of the Board Sealing Committee S. path 10/4/25 NGET 13062



