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BRRE – delivery in 2023 assessment

Dear Mark,

Further to the outcome of NOA 2020/21 in January 2021, I can now confirm that the NOA option to reconnector the remainder of existing Bramford – Braintree – Rayleigh OHL (BRRE) should go ahead in 2023. We have undertaken further analysis following the latest developments regarding the connection dates of customers that NGET brought to our attention and we have shown that it is more economical to bring forward the delivery of BRRE to 2023 than delay it beyond the NOA optimal delivery date of 2024. **This updates our NOA 2020/21 recommendation from “Hold” to “Proceed” on the basis of this additional work.**

In March 2021, we undertook additional network access planning analysis, with the participation of ESO and NGET access planning teams. Alongside the delivery of BRRE in 2023, and the revised recommendation in this letter, we found that accelerating the reconductoring part of Hackney–Tottenham–Waltham Cross Upgrade (HWUP) with work starting in 2023 is a key factor in co-optimising the delivery of options in the south east region. Therefore, BRRE should be delivered in 2023 and, if possible, the reconductoring part of HWUP; this would represent the most economical solution in the best interest of consumers.

The additional analysis that resulted to the change to BRRE’s recommendation was based on the newest developments as per the co-optimised strategy. Further to progressing with the delivery of BRRE in 2023, we encourage NGET to continue to work collaboratively with the ESO on all aspects of the south east delivery strategy.

Yours sincerely,



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