**LETTER OF CREDIT TEMPLATE – CUSC SECTION 15 – CANCELLATION CHARGE**

National Grid Electricity System Operator Limited

1-3 Strand

London

WC2N 5EH

Dear Sirs,

## Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit No. [ ]

## Beneficiary: National Grid Electricity System Operator Limited

1. We [Bank] \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, of [address ]\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ understand that [ ] (the “User”) has entered into a Construction Agreement with you on [ ] pursuant to the terms of the Connection and Use of System Code (“CUSC”) and the CUSC Framework Agreement brought into effect on 18 September 2001.
2. The CUSC requires that the User provides Security Cover to you by way of, inter alia, a Letter of Credit in respect of the User’s liability to pay, inter alia, Cancellation Charges. Accordingly, we issue this irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit in your favour for a maximum aggregate amount of £[ ].
3. Following presentation to us on or before [ at least 6 months after effective date ] (“Expiry Date”) at our offices, the address of which is specified above, of a Notice of Drawing (in the form set out in Annex 1 to this Standby Letter of Credit) we shall on demand pay to you the lesser of the amount specified in the Notice of Drawing and then our maximum aggregate liability under paragraph two hereof.
4. Partial drawings are permitted.
5. The presentation of a Notice of Drawing shall be conclusive evidence that the User is in default of its obligations under the CUSC and that the amount claimed is due to you.
6. This Standby Letter of Credit shall become effective on the date hereof (the “Effective Date”). Any Notice of Drawing must be received in writing at this office in conformity with the terms of the Standby Letter of Credit before close of business on the Expiry Date, and after Expiry Date the Standby Letter of Credit shall become null and void whether returned to us for cancellation or not. Any Notice of Drawing received after the close of business of the Expiry Date shall be ineffective provided that we shall not be released from our obligations on the Expiry Date if the Notice of Drawing has been presented on or before that date.
7. This irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of England and is subject to the Uniform Customs and Practice of Documentary Credits (2007 Revision, International Chamber of Commerce, Paris, France, Publication Number 600) insofar as the same are applicable and not inconsistent with the terms of this irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit. The courts of England shall have jurisdiction to settle any dispute which may arise in relation to this irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit.

8. Any definitions used in this irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit shall bear the meanings attributed to them in the CUSC unless the context requires otherwise.

Yours faithfully

For and on behalf of [Bank]

Authorised Signature(s)

**Annex 1**

**Notice of Drawing**

To: [Bank]

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[date]

Dear Sirs,

Re: Construction Agreement

Dated [ ]

 Letter of Credit No. [ ] (“THE SECURITY”)

We refer to the above Security in our favour. We hereby demand immediate payment thereunder in the amount of [ ].

We require payment to be made by telegraphic transfer to:

Institution Name:

Address:

Sort Code:

Account Name: National Grid Electricity System Operator Limited ~~Transmission plc~~

Account No.:

Yours faithfully,

For and on behalf of

National Grid Electricity System Operator Limited ~~Transmission plc~~

Duly authorised officer