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To interested parties,

### **Update to the CRE-Ofgem Joint Statement issued in February 2025**

Commission de Régulation de l'Énergie (**CRE**), the French Energy Regulatory Commission, and Ofgem, Great Britain's (**GB**) independent energy regulator (hereinafter jointly referred to as the National Regulatory Authorities or **the NRAs**) are releasing this joint statement following the previous communication in February 2025.<sup>1</sup> The intention of this further joint statement is to provide an update on the joint regulatory position on the opportunity for additional electricity interconnection capacity to be built between France and Great Britain.

Both the NRAs operate to protect the interests of energy consumers in each country. France and the United Kingdom (**UK**) have been involved in an electricity partnership since the creation of the IFA interconnector in 1986, supplemented by IFA2 in 2021 and Eleclink in 2022, amounting to a total interconnection capacity of 4GW.

In February 2025, the NRAs agreed that further discussions would take place to consider (1) the conditions required to enable c.1GW of increased interconnector capacity between GB and France, and (2) the issue of cost and revenue sharing between the two countries, with a view to publishing an updated joint statement on regulatory positions by the end of October 2025. Since February 2025 the NRAs have continued to engage, as also committed to by both governments in the July 2025 UK-France Leaders Summit.

The NRAs have continued to work together closely, and the NRAs are today announcing that they have committed to conducting a joint in-depth study, to further explore and establish the need for new interconnection projects between France and GB in the long term, and the potential cost sharing mechanisms for these projects.

In our joint statement of February 2025, we noted important external factors such as supply chain cost increases and national network reinforcements that will inform our discussions. The most appropriate timing of this joint analysis will, in part, be influenced by these external market and networks changes alongside ongoing energy system planning reform in GB. With these factors in mind, we aim to proceed with this exercise within the next one to two years.

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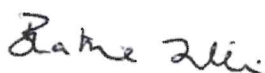
<sup>1</sup> [Ofgem-CRE Joint Statement](#)

We will also explore joint or parallel decision-making processes to ensure we can then deliver any further future project(s) on the border. These processes will also be supported with the help of the national Transmission System Operators where required.

After detailed discussions and consideration the regulators have now concluded that, at this stage, the conditions are not met for either regulator to grant regulatory approval for a new interconnector between GB and France. NRAs have agreed to prioritise the completion of the study before approving any new interconnector projects between GB and France.

The regulators will continue working closely and shall keep industry updated with any developments.

Yours sincerely,



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*Signed on behalf of the Authority and duly authorised for that purpose*

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