

Ref: FOI 12/1491

Dear [NAME REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: FOI REQUEST 12/1491

Thank you for your email of 23 October 2012.

This request for information is being handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Our response to each of the points you raise is given below.

I hope that this information is helpful to you and if you have any queries then please contact me quoting the above reference number.

You have provided details of the number of applications for 2010/2011, is this a 12 month or a 24 month year period?

This is a 12 month period – financial year 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011.

You have only provided details of the number of applications for a relatively short period, I would have thought a 5 year period would be more appropriate so we can see the long term trend. Can you assist with more information?

See table in Annex A showing the five year period.

You have not provided the split between applications for new lines as compared with retention of lines, can you provide the details please?

We do not hold the information in this format.

You state that only 8 applications went to a full hearing in 2010/2011 (one or two years?) but again were these for new lines or retention of lines?

Of the eight applications that went to hearing (one year) one was for a new line and the other seven were for retention of the lines.

Of these 8 hearings can you please provide details on how many were ruled in favour of the industry and where the line was to be removed?

Of the eight applications that went to hearing 7 were ruled in favour of the company and one where the line was to be removed in favour of the landowner.

Of these 8 hearings can you provide details of how many were carried out where the landowner/occupier did not attend?

Of the eight hearings six were resolved by written submission with the agreement of both parties. None were carried out without some degree of participation by both sides.

Of these 8 hearings you have not provided information as to whether they were for underground cables or overhead lines, or a combination, can you be specific please?

All eight were for overhead lines.

Of these 8 hearings you have not specified the voltage associated with the application, again can you provide the detail?

New line – 275kV
Existing lines - 6 x 132kV
Existing line – 400kV

Can you provide details of the 366 applications and the relevant DNO/NG they referred to and the associated numbers?

See table in Annex A. The number of wayleave applications has been revised upwards to 370 from 366.

Can you provide details of the 8 hearings and the relevant DNO/NG they referred too and the associated numbers?

Western Power: 5
SP Manweb: 1
National Grid: 2

Can you provide details as to whether the 8 hearings related to urban or rural locations?

All related to urban locations.

Appeals Procedure

If you are unhappy with the result of your request for information, you may request an internal review within two calendar months of the date of this email. If you wish to request an internal review then please contact me.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioners Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely

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Department of Energy and Climate Change

ANNEX A

	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	
UK Power Networks	30	68	46	50	57	Ex EDF
Electricity North West	22	34	70	9	15	Includes UU
National Grid	8	25	4	5	14	
Northern Powergrid	7	62	10	15	9	Ex NEDL & YEDL
Scottish & Southern Energy	46	123	448	107	51	Trades as Southern Electric
Scottish Power	36	60	48	29	39	Manweb
Western Power Distribution	168	195	177	177	185	Includes South Wales, South West & Midlands
	317	567	803	392	370	