



LATE SCOPING CONSULTATION RESPONSES

Consultation bodies have 28 days to respond with any comments, stating either the information that they consider should be included in the ES or that they do not have any comments.

Any responses received after the deadline are not considered within the scoping opinion but are forwarded to the applicant for consideration in accordance with the policy set out in Advice Note 7: Environmental Impact Assessment, Screening and Scoping.

The following EIA scoping consultation responses were received after the consultation deadline specified under legislation and therefore did not form part of the Secretary of State's scoping opinion.

Date: 12 May 2014

Hannah Nelson

From: Edwards, Steven <Steven.Edwards@scottishpower.com>
Sent: 08 May 2014 19:04
To: info@wrexham-power.com
Cc: Helen Lancaster
Subject: FW: EIA scoping request for Wrexham Energy Centre

Dear Sirs,

Please see below my response on behalf of SP Manweb plc regarding your proposed development. I would be pleased to discuss the proposals with you in relation to electricity connection aspects in due course.

Regards
Steven

From: Edwards, Steven
Sent: 08 May 2014 18:50
To: 'Helen.Lancaster@infrastructure.gsi.gov.uk'
Subject: FW: EIA scoping request for Wrexham Energy Centre

Dear Helen,

Thank you for your note referring to the above proposal. I have now had a chance to respond to the consultation and have read the following section from the scoping report.

At this stage it has been identified that the distribution network could accommodate the connection of WEC through a series of network reinforcement works, including replacement of existing overhead lines, installation of new underground cables and replacement of conductors.

3.27 Following initial non-statutory consultation it was evident that the electrical connection of the proposed CCGT power station was the element of the scheme which raised greatest concern with local residents. Consequently, the WEC's generating capacity has been reduced to remove the requirement for a new 400kV overhead power line.

3.28 The consenting strategy for this element of the project is being progressed separately, and is likely to be implemented using permitted development rights, or through planning permission granted by the Local Planning Authority under the TCPA.

3.29 WPL will assess the potential likely significant effects of the electrical connection as part of the cumulative assessment in the ES.

Being responsible for commenting on planning proposals for SP Manweb plc, which owns the electricity distribution network covering the proposed development, I would comment as follows:

Yes some initial discussions have taken place between the promoter and SP Manweb. The advice provided by SP Manweb has been that the proposed generation is at a level that would normally be connected into the National Grid transmission network.

An alternative means of connection could be to connect into the SP Manweb distribution network however contrary to what the promoter notes, this would require significant reinforcement of existing network. Given the very initial level of discussions, the likely design of any reinforcement is very uncertain at this stage. It should be noted that the design options for this connection could also include the construction of new 132kV multiple circuits (including new overhead lines) into existing SP Manweb network at Wrexham Grid, approximately directly 5km from the proposed

development, and Legacy Supergrid, approximately directly 10km from the proposed development. These options are not regarded as permitted development.

In addition, substation reinforcement including extensions and rebuild could be required at Legacy Supergrid, as would upstream reinforcement of the existing 400kV National Grid transmission network.

I hope the above comments are helpful and please do not hesitate to get in touch to discuss further.

Regards

Steven

From: Helen Lancaster [<mailto:Helen.Lancaster@infrastructure.gsi.gov.uk>]
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