

Application by Millbrook Power Limited (“MPL”), dated 23 October 2017, for development consent under s37 of the Planning Act 2008 for a gas fired power generation plant of up to 299 MW, and associated development of gas and electrical connections

Statement of Common Ground

Statement of Common Ground between **Millbrook Power Limited** and **National Grid Gas plc**

12th April 2018

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1. INTRODUCTION

Purpose of this Statement of Common Ground

- 1.1 This Statement of Common Ground ('**SOCG**') has been prepared by Millbrook Power Limited ('**MPL**') and National Grid Gas plc ('**NGG**'). For the purpose of this SOCG, MPL and NGG will jointly be referred to as "the Parties".
- 1.2 MPL has applied to the Secretary of State under the Planning Act 2008 for powers to construct, operate and maintain the Proposed Development which consists of:
- 1.2.1 A new Power Generation Plant in the form of an Open Cycle Gas Turbine (OCGT) peaking power generating station, fuelled by natural gas with a rated electrical output of up to 299 Megawatts (MW). This is the output of the generating station as a whole, measured at the terminals of the generating equipment. The Power Generation Plant comprises:
- a) Generating equipment including one Gas Turbine Generator with one exhaust gas flue stack and Balance of Plant (together referred to as the 'Generating Equipment'), which are located within the 'Generating Equipment Site';
 - b) A new purpose built access road from Green Lane to the Generating Equipment Site (the 'Access Road' or the 'Short Access Road'); and
 - c) A temporary construction compound required during construction only (the 'Laydown Area');
- 1.2.2 A new gas connection to bring natural gas to the Generating Equipment from the National Transmission System (the 'Gas Connection'). This element incorporates an Above Ground Installation (AGI) at the point of connection to the National Transmission System; and
- 1.2.3 A new electrical connection to export power from the Generating Equipment to the National Grid Electricity Transmission System (NETS) (the 'Electrical Connection').
- 1.3 Preparation of this SOCG has been informed by discussions between the Parties. The purpose of this SOCG is to set out agreed factual information about the Application.
- 1.4 It is intended that this SOCG will provide information to facilitate a smooth and efficient examination process.
- 1.5 This SOCG relates to the Gas Connection and is intended to give a clear position of the state and extent of agreement between the Parties as at the date on which this SOCG is signed and submitted to the Secretary of State.

2. THE APPLICATION

- 2.1 The Application for the Proposed Development was submitted on 23rd October 2017 and accepted by the Secretary of State on 20th November 2017 (PINS reference number EN010068) and was accompanied by an Environmental Statement (the "**ES**") (Examination Library Reference APP-033).
- 2.2 The Application was also accompanied by a **Gas Connection Statement** (Examination Library Reference APP-055) prepared to comply with Regulation

6(1)(a)(ii) of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (APFP Regulations), which requires the Applicant to provide "a statement of who will be responsible for designing and building the gas pipeline connection to the generating station".

- 2.3 The Gas Connection comprises the pipeline itself (the Pipeline) as well as the AGI. The AGI consists of two parts, a pipeline inspection gauge (PIG) trap facility (PTF) and a minimum offtake connection (MOC).
- 2.4 The Gas Connection falls under Work Nos. 3 and 4 as described in Schedule 1 (Authorised Development) of the draft DCO (Examination Library Reference APP-012).
- 2.5 As set out in the Gas Connection Statement, MPL will submit a connection application to NGG in 2018 for the MOC (which facilitates the connection of the Pipeline to the National Transmission System) to connect the Generating Equipment to the National Transmission System.
- 2.6 Upon submission of the application, NGG will have 6 months to provide MPL with a connection offer at which point MPL will have a further 3 months to decide whether to accept the terms of the offer. Upon acceptance, MPL will enter into a Design and Build Agreement (DBA) with NGG for the construction of the new MOC.
- 2.7 The MOC will be designed, constructed, owned and operated by NGG.

3. **MATTERS AGREED BETWEEN THE PARTIES**

- 3.1 The Parties are AGREED that:
 - 3.1.1 Preliminary discussions with NGG have indicated the likelihood of available gas capacity in Feeder 9 for the Power Generation Plant.
 - 3.1.2 The MOC can be constructed within the maximum limits of deviation shown on the Works Plans (Examination Library Reference APP-010) as 'Work 3A'.
 - 3.1.3 The MOC can be constructed with the maximum parameters set out in requirement 2 of Schedule 2 of the draft DCO (Examination Library Reference APP-012).
 - 3.1.4 The powers set out in the draft DCO (Examination Library Reference APP-012) and the land and rights shown on the Land Plans and set out in Book of Reference (Examination Library References APP-009 and APP-016) in respect of plots 10_GC, 11_GC, 12_GC, 12A_GC and 12B_GC are sufficient for NGG to construct, use and maintain the MOC.

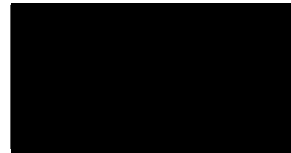
This SOCG is prepared jointly and agreed by the Parties:

Signed by)
For and on behalf of **Millbrook Power Limited**)
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