

Net Zero Teesside Project

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The Net Zero Teesside Order

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GLOSSARY

Abbreviation	Description
AOD	Above ordnance datum
BEIS	The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy
CCUS	Carbon Capture, Utilisation and Storage
CO ₂	Carbon dioxide
DCO	Development Consent Order
ES	Environmental Statement
ExA	The Examining Authority
Ha	Hectares
PA 2008	Planning Act 2008
MLWS	Mean Low Water Springs
Mt	Million tonnes
NSIP	Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project
NSTA	The North Sea Transition Authority
NZNS Storage	Net Zero North Sea Storage Limited
NZT	The Net Zero Teesside Project
NZT Power	Net Zero Teesside Power Limited
OPRED	Offshore Petroleum Regulator for Environment and Decommissioning
SoCG	Statements of Common Ground
STDC	South Tees Development Corporation

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Overview

1.1.1 This Statement of Commonality (Document Ref. 8.36 has been prepared on behalf of Net Zero Teesside Power Limited and Net Zero North Sea Storage Limited (the 'Applicants'). It relates to the application (the 'Application') for a Development Consent Order (a 'DCO'), that has been submitted to the Secretary of State (the 'SoS') for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy ('BEIS'), under Section 37 of 'The Planning Act 2008' (the 'PA 2008') for the Net Zero Teesside Project (the 'Proposed Development').

1.1.2 The Application was submitted to the SoS on 19 July 2021 and was accepted for Examination on 16 August 2021. A change request made by the Applicants in respect of the Application was accepted into the Examination by the Examining Authority on 6 May 2022.

1.2 Description of the Proposed Development

1.2.1 The Proposed Development will work by capturing CO₂ from a new the gas-fired power station in addition to a cluster of local industries on Teesside and transporting it via a CO₂ transport pipeline to the Endurance saline aquifer under the North Sea. The Proposed Development will initially capture and transport up to 4Mt of CO₂ per annum, although the CO₂ transport pipeline has the capacity to accommodate up to 10Mt of CO₂ per annum thereby allowing for future expansion.

1.2.2 The Proposed Development comprises the following elements:

- **Work Number ('Work No.') 1** – a Combined Cycle Gas Turbine electricity generating station with an electrical output of up to 860 megawatts and post-combustion carbon capture plant (the '**Low Carbon Electricity Generating Station**');
- **Work No. 2** – a natural gas supply connection and Above Ground Installations ('AGIs') (the '**Gas Connection Corridor**');
- **Work No. 3** – an electricity grid connection (the '**Electrical Connection**');
- **Work No. 4** – water supply connections (the '**Water Supply Connection Corridor**');
- **Work No. 5** – waste water disposal connections (the '**Water Discharge Connection Corridor**');
- **Work No. 6** – a CO₂ gathering network (including connections under the tidal River Tees) to collect and transport the captured CO₂ from industrial emitters (the industrial emitters using the gathering network will be responsible for consenting their own carbon capture plant and connections to the gathering network) (the '**CO₂ Gathering Network Corridor**');
- **Work No. 7** – a high-pressure CO₂ compressor station to receive and compress the captured CO₂ from the Low Carbon Electricity Generating Station and the CO₂

Gathering Network before it is transported offshore (the '**HP Compressor Station**');

- **Work No. 8** – a dense phase CO₂ export pipeline for the onward transport of the captured and compressed CO₂ to the Endurance saline aquifer under the North Sea (the '**CO₂ Export Pipeline**');
- **Work No. 9** – temporary construction and laydown areas, including contractor compounds, construction staff welfare and vehicle parking for use during the construction phase of the Proposed Development (the '**Laydown Areas**'); and
- **Work No. 10** – access and highway improvement works (the '**Access and Highway Works**').

1.2.3 The electricity generating station, its post-combustion carbon capture plant and the CO₂ compressor station will be located on part of the South Tees Development Corporation ('STDC') Teesworks area (on part of the former Redcar Steel Works Site). The CO₂ export pipeline will also start in this location before heading offshore. The generating station connections and the CO₂ gathering network will require corridors of land within the administrative areas of both Redcar and Cleveland and Stockton-on-Tees Borough Councils, including crossings beneath the River Tees.

1.3 The Purpose and Structure of this Document

1.3.1 The purpose of this document is to provide the Examining Authority ('ExA') with the current position on the Statements of Common Ground ('SoCG') between the Applicants and Interested Parties at Deadline 4. It is provided in response to the ExA's procedural decision in paragraph 7 of Annex A to the Rule 8 Letter dated 19 May 2022. The Statement of Commonality will be updated throughout the Examination.

1.3.2 The document is structured as follows:

- Section 2 – List of SoCG parties and the Status of SoCG.
- Section 3 – Areas of Commonality.
- Section 4 – References.

2.0 LIST OF SOCG PARTIES AND THE STATUS OF SOCG

2.1.1 The Applicants have prepared a SoCG with a number of Interested Parties. These SoCGs will be developed further during the Examination process.

2.1.2 Each SoCG sets out the matters relevant to the parties and whether these matters are agreed, still under discussion or not agreed, in addition to any remaining actions.

2.1.3 **Table 2.1** below lists the SoCG and provides information on their current status. Each SoCG within Table 2.1 is provided with a ‘Position at Deadline 3’, these can be summarised as the following:

- **Initial** – The SoCG has been issued to the relevant party, though no comments have been received in response yet;
- **Draft** – Comments have been received from the relevant party, but there are still matters to resolve before the document can be agreed and finalised; and
- **Final** – The SoCG has been reviewed and agreed between the parties.

2.1.4 In addition to the above statuses, some selected SoCGs have been marked as “Not submitted”.

Table 2.1: List of SoCG and Status

DOCUMENT REF.	PARTY	POSITION AT DEADLINE 4
8.1	Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council	Draft
8.2	Stockton on Tees Borough Council	Revised Draft
8.3	STDC, TVCA & Teesworks Limited	Draft
8.4	Marine Maritime Organisation	Draft
8.5	Environment Agency	Initial
8.6	Natural England	Draft
8.7	Historic England	Draft
8.8	National Grid Electricity Transmission PLC	Draft
8.9	National Grid Gas PLC	Draft
8.10	Northern Gas Networks Limited	Draft
8.11	Northern Powergrid	Revised Draft
8.12	Northumbrian Water Limited	Revised Initial
8.13	PD Teesports Ltd	Revised Initial*
8.14	Telefonica	Initial
8.15	Vodafone & Cornerstone	Initial
8.16	Network Rail Infrastructure Limited	Initial
8.17	Air Products Plc	Initial
8.18	CATS North Sea Limited	Revised Draft
8.19	CF Fertilisers UK Limited	Draft
8.20	Exolum Seal Sands Ltd	Not submitted ¹
8.21	Ineos Nitriles (UK) Limited	Draft

8.22	Marlow Foods	Initial
8.23	NPL Waste Management Ltd	Revised Initial*
8.24	Redcar Bulk Terminal	Draft
8.25	Sabir UK Petrochemicals Limited	Draft
8.26	Sembcorp Utilities (UK) Ltd	Draft
8.27	Suez Recycling and Recovery UK Ltd	Initial
8.28	Anglo American	Draft
8.29	Ineos UK SNS Limited	Draft
8.30	North Tees Ltd	Draft
8.31	North Sea Transition Authority (NSTA)	Not submitted ¹
8.32	Offshore Petroleum Regulator for Environment and Decommissioning (OPRED)	Not submitted ²
8.33	National Highways	Final
8.34	Orsted	Not submitted ³
8.35	Huntsman Polyurethanes (UK) Limited	Draft

*No comments have been received as yet from the relevant party on this revised draft of the SoCG.

1 The SoCG is still being discussed between the parties and will be submitted at a later deadline.

2 **Both the NSTA and OPRED have advised that they do not consider it would be appropriate to discuss a SoCG at this time in view of ongoing discussions between the parties regarding any potential storage permit application. Both the NSTA and OPRED have confirmed that they are willing to engage with the ExA should the ExA have any further questions.

3 It is not proposed to submit a draft SoCG at this time. It is considered that this would not be beneficial to the ExA due to the lack of common ground between the parties. It is proposed to remove Orsted from the list of SoCG. Please refer to paragraph 6.2.2 in Applicants' Comments on Deadline 1 Submissions (Document Ref 9.10) [REP2-060], which sets out the Applicants' stated position with regard to a SoCG with Orsted.

3.0 COMMONALITY

3.1.1 This section provides a summary of the main topics covered by the SoCG and identifies where there is commonality in the topics between the SoCG parties.

3.1.2 **Table 3.1** below is structured so as to show the main topics covered within each of the SoCG (identifying where there is commonality in topics between the parties) and the current position/status with regard to each topic.

	Matter agreed
	Subject to further discussion
	Currently subject to disagreement

3.1.3 Where a matter is not relevant to a party, it is unshaded in Table 3.1 and shown as a blank.

Table 3.1: Table of Commonality at Deadline 4

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		Air Quality and Emissions	Assessment Methodology and Data	Biodiversity and HRA	Combined And Cumulative Effects	Compulsory Acquisition and Temporary Possession	Construction Programme and Management	Decommissioning	Design, Landscape and Visual	Development Consent Order	Geology Hydrogeology and Land Contamination	Historic Environment	Land Interests	Licenses or permits	Major Accidents and Natural Disasters	Noise and Vibration	Planning Policy and Legislation	Population And Human Health	Protective Provisions	Site Access	Socio-Economics and Tourism Including Marine Users	Sustainability and Climate Change	Traffic And Transport	Water Environment
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