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The Keadby 3 (Carbon Capture Equipped Gas Fired Generating Station) Order

Land at and in the vicinity of the Keadby Power Station site, Trentside, Keadby, North Lincolnshire

**Statement of Common Ground with
National Grid Electricity Transmission and
National Grid Gas (Deadline 6 Version)**

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GLOSSARY

Abbreviation	Description
ADMS	Atmospheric Dispersion Modelling System
AGI	Above ground installation
AIL	Additional Abnormal Indivisible Load
AQMAU	Air Quality Modelling and Assessment Unit
BAT	Best available techniques
CCGT	Combined Cycle Gas Turbine
CCP	Carbon dioxide capture plant
CEMP	Construction Environmental Management Plan
CHP	Combined heat and power
DCO	Development Consent Order
dDCO	Draft Development Consent Order
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
ES	Environmental Statement
FFL	Finished floor level
FRA	Flood Risk Assessment
HP	High pressure
HRSG	Heat Recovery Steam Generator
MW	megawatts
NGET	National Grid Electrical Transmission Plc
NGG	National Grid Gas Plc
NLC	North Lincolnshire Council
NSIP	Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project

Abbreviation	Description
PCC	Proposed Power and Carbon Capture
PINS	Planning Inspectorate, The
WFD	Water Framework Directive
ZCH	Zero Carbon Humber

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Overview

- 1.1.1 This Statement of Common Ground ('SoCG') (**Application Document Ref. 8.7**) has been prepared on behalf of Keadby Generation Limited ('the Applicant') which is a wholly owned subsidiary of SSE plc, and National Grid Electricity Transmission and National Grid Gas. It forms part of 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, under Section 37 of 'The Planning Act 2008' (the '2008 Act').
- 1.1.2 The Applicant is seeking development consent for the construction, operation and maintenance of a new low carbon Combined Cycle Gas Turbine (CCGT) Generating Station ('the Proposed Development') on land at, and in the vicinity of, the existing Keadby Power Station, Trentside, Keadby, Scunthorpe DN17 3EF (the 'Proposed Development Site').
- 1.1.3 The Proposed Development is a new electricity generating station of up to 910 megawatts (MW) gross electrical output, equipped with carbon capture and compression plant and fuelled by natural gas, on land to the west of Keadby 1 Power Station and the (under commissioning) Keadby 2 Power Station, including connections for cooling water, electrical, gas and utilities, construction laydown areas and other associated development. It is described in **Chapter 4: The Proposed Development of the Environmental Statement (ES) (ES Volume I - APP-047)**.
- 1.1.4 The Proposed Development falls within the definition of a 'Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project' (NSIP) under Section 14(1)(a) and Sections 15(1) and (2) of the 2008 Act, as it is an onshore generating station in England that would have a generating capacity greater than 50MW electrical output (50MWe). As such, a DCO application is required to authorise the Proposed Development in accordance with Section 31 of the 2008 Act.
- 1.1.5 The DCO, if made by the SoS, would be known as 'The Keadby 3 (Carbon Capture Equipped Gas Fired Generating Station) Order' ('the Order').

1.2 The Proposed Development

- 1.2.1 The Proposed Development will work by capturing carbon dioxide emissions from the gas-fired power station and connecting into the Humber Low Carbon Pipelines project pipeline network, being promoted by National Grid Carbon Limited (NGCL), for onward transportation to the Endurance storage site under the North Sea.
- 1.2.2 The Proposed Development would comprise a low carbon gas fired power station with a gross electrical output capacity of up to 910MWe and associated buildings, structures and plant and other associated development defined in

Schedule 1 of the draft DCO (**APP-005**) as Work No. 1 – 11 and shown on the Works Plans (**APP-012**).

1.2.3 At this stage, the final technology selection cannot yet be made as it will be determined by various technical and economic considerations and will be influenced by future UK Government policy and regulation. The design of the Proposed Development therefore incorporates a necessary degree of flexibility to allow for the future selection of the preferred technology in the light of prevailing policy, regulatory and market conditions once a DCO is made.

1.2.4 The Proposed Development will include:

- a carbon capture equipped electricity generating station including a CCGT plant (**Work No. 1A**) with integrated cooling infrastructure (**Work No. 1B**), and carbon dioxide capture plant (CCP) including conditioning and compression equipment, carbon dioxide absorption unit(s) and stack(s) (**Work No. 1C**), natural gas receiving facility (**Work No. 1D**), supporting uses including control room, workshops, stores, raw and demineralised water tanks and permanent laydown area (**Work No. 1E**), and associated utilities, various pipework, water treatment plant, wastewater treatment, firefighting equipment, emergency diesel generator, gatehouse, chemical storage facilities, other minor infrastructure and auxiliaries/ services (all located in the area referred to as the ‘Proposed Power and Carbon Capture (PCC) Site’ and which together form **Work No. 1**);
- natural gas pipeline from the existing National Grid Gas high pressure (HP) gas pipeline within the Proposed Development Site to supply the Proposed PCC Site including an above ground installation (AGI) for National Grid Gas’s apparatus (**Work No. 2A**) and the Applicant’s apparatus (**Work No. 2B**) (the ‘Gas Connection Corridor’);
- electrical connection works to and from the existing National Grid (National Grid Electricity Transmission) 400kV Substation for the export of electricity (**Work No. 3A**) (the ‘Electrical Connection Area to National Grid 400kV Substation’);
- electrical connection works to and from the existing Northern Powergrid 132kV Substation for the supply of electricity at up to 132kV to the Proposed PCC Site, and associated plant and equipment (**Work No. 3B**) (the ‘Potential Electrical Connection to Northern Powergrid 132kV Substation’);
- Water Connection Corridors to provide cooling and make-up water including:
 - underground and/ or overground water supply pipeline(s) and intake structures within the Stainforth and Keadby Canal, including temporary cofferdam (**Work No. 4A**) (the ‘Canal Water Abstraction Option’);

- in the event that the canal abstraction option is not available, works to the existing Keadby 1 power station cooling water supply pipelines and intake structures within the River Trent, including temporary cofferdam (**Work No. 4B**) (the 'River Water Abstraction Option'); and
 - works to and use of an existing outfall and associated pipework for the discharge of return cooling water and treated wastewater to the River Trent (**Work No. 5**) (the 'Water Discharge Corridor');
 - towns water connection pipeline from existing water supply within the Keadby Power Station for potable water (**Work No. 6**);
 - above ground carbon dioxide compression and export infrastructure comprising an above ground installation (AGI) for the undertaker's apparatus including deoxygenation, dehydration, staged compression facilities, outlet metering, and electrical connection (**Work No. 7A**) and an AGI for NGCL apparatus (**Work No. 7B**);
 - new permanent access from A18, comprising the maintenance and improvement of an existing private access road from the junction with the A18 including the western private bridge crossing of the Hatfield Waste Drain (**Work No. 8A**) and installation of a layby and gatehouse (**Work No. 8B**), and an emergency vehicle and pedestrian access road comprising the maintenance and improvement of an existing private track running between the Proposed PCC Site and Chapel Lane, Keadby and including new private bridge (**Work No. 8C**);
 - temporary construction and laydown areas including contractor facilities and parking (**Work No. 9A**), and access to these using the existing private roads from the A18 and the existing private bridge crossings, including the replacement of the western existing private bridge crossing known as 'Mabey Bridge' over Hatfield Waste Drain (**Work No. 9B**) and a temporary construction laydown area associated with that bridge replacement (**Work No. 9C**);
 - temporary retention, improvement and subsequent removal of an existing Additional Abnormal Indivisible Load Haulage Route (**Work No. 10A**) and temporary use, maintenance, and placement of mobile crane(s) at the existing Railway Wharf jetty for a Waterborne Transport Offloading Area (**Work No. 10B**);
 - landscaping and biodiversity enhancement measures (**Work No. 11A**) and security fencing and boundary treatments (**Work No. 11B**); and
 - minor associated development.
- 1.2.5 The Proposed Development includes the equipment required for the capture and compression of carbon dioxide emissions from the generating station so that it is capable of being transported off-site. NGCL will be responsible for the development of the carbon dioxide pipeline network linking onshore power and industrial facilities, including the Proposed Development, in the Humber Region.

The carbon dioxide export pipeline does not, therefore, form part of the Proposed Development and is not included in the Application but will be the subject of separate consent application(s) to be taken forward by NGCL.

- 1.2.6 The Proposed Development includes the equipment required for the capture and compression of carbon dioxide emissions from the generating station so that it is capable of being transported off-site. ZCH Partnership will be responsible for the construction, operation and decommissioning of the carbon dioxide gathering network linking onshore power and industrial facilities including the Proposed Development in the Humber Region. The carbon dioxide export pipeline does not, therefore, form part of the Proposed Development and is not included in the Application but will be the subject of separate consent applications by third parties, such as the Humber Low Carbon Pipeline DCO Project by National Grid Ventures.
- 1.2.7 The Proposed Development is designed to be capable of operating 24 hours per day, 7 days a week, with plant operation dispatchable to meet electricity demand and with programmed offline periods for maintenance. It is anticipated that in the event of CCP maintenance outages, for example, it could be necessary to operate the Proposed Development without carbon capture, with exhaust gases from the CCGT being routed via the Heat Recovery Steam Generator (HRSG) stack.
- 1.2.8 Various types of associated and ancillary development further required in connection with and subsidiary to the above works are detailed in Schedule 1 'Authorised Development' of the draft DCO (**APP-005**). This along with **Chapter 4: The Proposed Development in the ES Volume I (APP-047)** provides further description of the Proposed Development. The areas within which each numbered Work (component) of the Proposed Development are to be built are defined by the coloured and hatched areas on the Works Plans (**APP-012**).

1.3 The Proposed Development Site

- 1.3.1 The Proposed Development Site (the 'Order Limits') is located within and near to the existing Keadby Power Station site near Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire and lies within the administrative boundary of North Lincolnshire Council (NLC). The majority of land is within the ownership or control of the Applicant (or SSE associated companies) and is centred on national grid reference 482351, 411796.
- 1.3.2 The existing Keadby Power Station site currently encompasses the operational Keadby 1 and Keadby 2 Power Station (under commissioning) sites, including the Keadby 2 Power Station Carbon Capture and Readiness reserve space.
- 1.3.3 The Proposed Development Site encompasses an area of approximately 69.4 hectares (ha). This includes an area of approximately 18.7ha to the west of Keadby 2 Power Station in which the generating station (CCGT plant, cooling

infrastructure and CCP) and gas connection will be developed (the Proposed PCC Site).

1.3.4 The Proposed Development Site includes other areas including:

- high pressure gas pipeline to supply the CCGT including a gas compound for NGG apparatus and a gas compound for the Applicant's apparatus;
- the National Grid 400kV Substation located directly adjacent to the Proposed PCC Site, through which electricity generated by the Proposed Development will be exported;
- Emergency Vehicle Access Road and Potential Electrical Connection to Northern Powergrid Substation;
- Water Connection Corridors:
 - Canal Water Abstraction Option which includes land within the existing Keadby Power Station site with an intake adjacent to the Keadby 2 Power Station intake and pumping station and interconnecting pipework;
 - River Water Abstraction Option which includes a corridor that spans Trent Road and encompasses the existing Keadby Power Station pumping station, below ground cooling water pipework, and infrastructure within the River Trent; and
 - a Water Discharge Corridor which includes an existing discharge pipeline and outfall to the River Trent and follows a route of an existing easement for Keadby 1 Power Station;
- an existing river wharf at Railway Wharf (the Waterborne Transport Offloading Area) and existing temporary haul road into the into the existing Keadby 1 Power Station Site (the 'Additional Abnormal Indivisible Load (AIL) Route');
- a number of temporary Construction Laydown Areas on previously developed land and adjoining agricultural land; and
- land at the A18 Junction and an existing site access road, including two existing private bridge crossings of the Hatfield Waste Drain lying west of Palfrey Farm (the western of which is known as Mabey Bridge, to be replaced, and the eastern of which is termed Skew Bridge) and an existing temporary gatehouse, to be replaced in permanent form.

1.3.5 In the vicinity of the Proposed Development Site the River Trent is tidal. Therefore, parts of the Proposed Development Site are within the UK marine area. No harbour works are proposed.

1.3.6 Further description of the Proposed Development Site and its surroundings is provided in **Chapter 3: The Site and Surrounding Area** in ES Volume I (**APP-046**).

1.4 The Proposed Development Changes

1.4.1 On 5 April 2022 the Applicant submitted a request for the following changes to the Proposed Development, together known as ‘the Proposed Development Changes’.

1.4.2 The Proposed Development Changes have resulted from design contractor involvement, which has continued to refine the detail of this ‘First of a Kind’ Project implementation.

- Change No. 1 - Inclusion of riverbed within the Waterborne Transport Offloading Area (Railway Wharf)
- Change No. 2 - Changes to the Additional Abnormal Indivisible Load Route, largely within SSE land and all within existing Order Limits (subsequently withdrawn on 26 April 2022 by the Applicant).
- Change No. 3 - Increase to the maximum heights of the carbon dioxide absorbers/ stacks, if two are installed.
- Change No. 4 - Increase to the maximum heights of the carbon dioxide stripper column.
- Change No. 5 - Increase in proposed soil import volumes to create a suitable development platform.

1.4.3 With the Proposed Development Changes, the Proposed Development Site would cover an area of 69.7 hectares (ha) (a minor increase of 0.3ha in the amount of the Applicant’s land required).

1.4.4 At the time of writing the Examining Authority has not determined whether to accept the Proposed Development Changes into examination and has issued questions to the Applicant and Canal and River Trust and Natural England dated 13 April 2022 (PD-017).

1.5 The Development Consent Process

1.5.1 As a NSIP project, the Applicant is required to seek a DCO to construct, operate and maintain the generating station, under Section 31 of the 2008 Act. Sections 42 to 48 of the 2008 Act govern the consultation that the promoter must carry out before submitting an application for a DCO and Section 37 of the 2008 Act governs the form, content and accompanying documents that are required as part of a DCO application.

1.5.2 An application for development consent for the Proposed Development has been submitted to and accepted for examination by the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) acting on behalf of the Secretary of State. PINS is now examining the Application and will make a recommendation to the Secretary of State, who will then decide whether to make (grant) the DCO.

1.6 The Purpose and Structure of this Document

1.6.1 The purpose of this document is to summarise clearly the agreements reached between the parties on matters relevant to the examination of the Application and to assist the Examining Authority. It has been prepared with regard to the guidance in 'Planning Act 2008: examination of application for development consent' (Department for Communities and Local Government, March 2015).

1.6.2 This version updates and supersedes the SoCG submitted at Deadline 3.

1.6.3 The document is structured as follows:

- Section 2 – sets out the roles of National Grid Electricity Transmission and National Grid Gas with particular regards to the DCO process;
- Section 3 – sets out key correspondence sent by the parties up until the submission of the Application;
- Section 4 – sets out key correspondence sent by the parties up until the submission of the Application;

Section 5 – sets out the matters that are not yet to be agreed and where discussions are on-going between the parties and summarises next steps.

2.0 THE ROLE OF NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION PLC AND NATIONAL GRID GAS PLC

- 2.1.1 National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc and National Grid Gas Plc (who together submitted a Relevant Representation as 'National Grid' but are considered individually in this document at their request¹) are statutory undertakers responsible for maintaining and operating, respectively, the electricity and gas transmission networks across the UK.
- 2.1.2 They have stated that their primary concern is to meet their statutory obligations and ensure that any development does not impact in any adverse way upon these statutory obligations.
- 2.1.3 National Grid submitted a Relevant Representation to the Planning Inspectorate in order to protect its position in relation to infrastructure and land which is within or in close proximity to the proposed Order limits.

¹ This request was made 13 April 2022 following the partial divestment of National Grid Gas plc by National Grid plc. See press release and market statement dated 27th March 2022 at [REDACTED]

3.0 SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE

3.1.1 The below Table 3.1 contains a record of key correspondence between the Applicant and National Grid jointly, or National Grid Electricity Transmission plc or National Grid Gas plc individually, pertinent to this Statement of Common Ground.

Table 3.1: Summary of Correspondence

Date	Correspondence
14/04/2020	Signed Acceptance of the Agreement to Vary the Keadby 1 BCA, increasing TEC capacity and agreeing the repowering of Keadby 1 under the name Keadby 3.
09/06/2020	National Grid response to PINS EIA Scoping Opinion Consultation. A copy of the response can be found at pages 133 of the Environmental Statement Volume II – Appendix 1B: Scoping Opinion (APP-066).
13/10/2020	Pre-Application meeting with National Grid Gas to discuss the A2O connection process for Keadby 3 Power Station.
24/11/2020	Applicant Section 42 consultation letters sent to National Grid Electricity Transmission plc and National Grid Gas plc. A copy of the letter template sent for the Section 42 consultation can be found at pages 336 – 342 of the Consultation Report (APP-030).
19/01/2021	Section 42 response from National Grid requesting appropriate protection for retained apparatus of electricity and gas infrastructures. A copy of the consultation response can be found at page 385 of the Consultation Report (APP-030).
04/02/2021	Discussion with National Grid DCO Liaison Manager on the application and interaction with National Grid assets.
29/03/2021	Applicant Section 42 re-consultation sent to National Grid Electricity Transmission plc and National Grid Gas plc. A copy of the letter template sent for the Section 42 consultation can be found at pages 550 – 557 of the Consultation Report (APP-030).

Date	Correspondence
23/04/2021	<p>Section 42 re-consultation response from National Grid requesting appropriate protection for retained apparatus of electricity and gas infrastructures.</p> <p>A copy of the consultation response can be found at pages 594 – 595 of the Consultation Report (APP-030).</p>
27/07/2021	<p>Applicant Section 56 Notification sent to National Grid Electricity Transmission plc and National Grid Gas plc.</p> <p>A copy of the letter template sent for the Section 56 Notice can be found in Ref. OD-005.</p>
19/08/2021	<p>Discussion with National Grid DCO Liaison Manager on the application and interaction with National Grid assets.</p>
24/09/2021	<p>Pre-Application meeting with National Grid Gas to discuss the PARCA process for Keadby 3 Power Station.</p>
30/11/2021	<p>Submission of Electrical Modification Application to increase Demand Capacity to National Grid Electricity Transmission plc.</p>
06/12/2021	<p>Correspondence with National Grid Gas to update access to the Customer Connections Portal and confirm intention to submit A2O application in December 2021.</p>
09/12/2021	<p>Meeting between Keadby 3 project's land and DCO advisors and the National Grid land and DCO liaison officers.</p> <p>GIS shapefile of red line (Draft Order Limits) supplied to National Grid to enable provision of more accurate list of apparatus/assets within Draft Order Limits.</p>
Ongoing	<p>Monthly SSE Thermal meetings with National Grid Electricity Transmission and National Grid Electricity Transmission System Operator Account Managers.</p>
Ongoing	<p>Regular SSE Thermal meetings with National Grid Gas Contract Managers (directly for Keadby 3 or through Keadby 2 initiated correspondence).</p>

Date	Correspondence
10/03/2022	A2O Application to NGG achieves 'Clock Start'.
13/04/2022	Land and SoCG meeting held with National National Grid Gas plc, National Grid planning liaison manager and legal advisor, and the Applicant.
13/04/2022	New BCA Version Offer issued by NGET. If accepted and signed, this would superseded the existing BCA contract in place. There is no change to required infrastructure or export capacity. Only an increase to import capacity was sought,

4.0 MATTERS AGREED PRIOR TO EXAMINATION

4.1.1 The below sections contain matters agreed correct at the date of the Preliminary Meeting for the Application (07 December 2021) along with a concise commentary of what the item refers to and how it came to be agreed between the relevant parties.

Connection Agreements and Arrangements Relevant to National Grid Electricity Transmission plc

4.1.2 It is agreed that an Electrical Connection to the Transmission Network is secured via a signed contract dated 14th April 2020. It is agreed that connection is to be made to the transmission network at the National Grid Keadby 400kV Substation Main 3 and Reserve 3 busbars via the connection bay currently occupied by the SSE circuit breaker X1205.

4.1.3 It is agreed that an Electrical TEC Capacity of 910MW is secured via a signed contract dated 14th April 2020.

4.1.4 It is agreed that an Electrical Modification Application has been submitted in November 2021 to seek an increase in electrical import capacity at start-up following design development. It is agreed that this capacity would be delivered through the connection to the transmission network at the National Grid Keadby 400kV Substation via the connection bay currently occupied by the SSE circuit breaker X1205.

4.1.5 It is agreed that the Electrical Modification Application Offer has been issued to the Applicant on the 13th March 2022 for review. If accepted this offer would superseded the existing Bilateral Connection Agreement (BCA), but if not accepted there would be no impact on the existing contract which would remain valid.

4.1.6 The parties have continued to progress feasibility studies for the proposed connection

Impacted Land Relevant to National Grid Electricity Transmission plc

4.1.7 It is agreed that The Keadby 3 Power Station will connect to the National Grid Electricity Transmission owned electricity apparatus in Work No. 3A of the dDCO. More specifically, the Electricity Connection will be made within the switchbay currently occupied by SSE circuit breaker X1205 which is one of the two connections to Keadby 1 Power Station at present. This is located to the North West of the Keadby 400kV Substation.

4.1.8 The Applicant does not seek powers to reposition any transmission towers transmission overhead lines at this time.

4.1.9 It is agreed that the land affected by the Proposed Development and the Proposed Development Changes has been explained by the Applicant.

4.1.10 It is agreed that information on apparatus within the Order Limits has been requested by the Applicant, and supplied to the Applicant, and none has been identified as being present and which would be extinguished or removed by the implementation of the dDCO.

4.1.11 Accordingly it is agreed by National Grid Electricity Transmission plc that Section 138 (Extinguishment of rights, and removal of apparatus, of statutory undertakers etc.) of the Planning Act 2008 is not engaged.

4.1.12 Additionally, it is agreed that National Grid Electricity Transmission plc's rights to retain its apparatus in situ and rights of access to inspect, maintain, renew repair or carry out works to such apparatus located within or in close proximity to the Order limits will be maintained at all times. National Grid Electricity Transmission plc's access to inspect and maintain such apparatus will also not be restricted. Additionally, National Grid Electricity Transmission plc's right to agree connections in to its apparatus within or in close proximity to the Order limits with any of its customers shall not be restricted by the Applicant or require permission from the Applicant in the event that the dDCO is approved.

4.1.13 Connection Agreements and Arrangements relevant to National Grid National Grid Gas plc

4.1.14 It is agreed that Gas Connection to the Natural Gas Transmission Network is to be secured through an A2O Application, which was submitted during Winter 2021. It is agreed that Pre-Application Meetings have taken place and this timeline is designed to best balance risk. It is expected that the connection will be similar to that delivered for Keadby 2 Power Station and an indicative location is presented in DCO Application Document 4.11.

4.1.15 It is agreed that the A2O Application 'clock start' date was achieved in March 2022 following payment of the application fee and reaching technical competency.

4.1.16 It is agreed that Gas Capacity is to be secured through a PARCA Application which is to be submitted from April 2022. Pre-Application Meetings have taken place and this timeline is designed to best balance risk.

4.1.17 The parties have continued to progress feasibility studies for the proposed connection and it is hereby agreed that Work 2A is sufficiently sized and suitably located for developing and operating the gas connection.

Impacted Land Relevant to National Grid Gas plc and Protection of Existing Rights

4.1.18 It is agreed that The Keadby 3 Power Station will connect to the National Grid Gas owned electricity apparatus in Work No. 2A of the dDCO. More specifically, a tee-connection would be formed at Feeder 7 at the location identified in the

submitted Works Plans and as described in the submitted Gas Connection Statement.

- 4.1.19 It is agreed that the land affected by the Proposed Development and the Proposed Development Changes has been explained by the Applicant.
- 4.1.20 It is agreed that information on apparatus within the Order Limits has been requested by the Applicant, and supplied to the Applicant, and none has been identified as being present and which would be extinguished or removed by the implementation of the dDCO.
- 4.1.21 Accordingly it is agreed by National Grid Gas plc that Section 138 (Extinguishment of rights, and removal of apparatus, of statutory undertakers etc.) of the Planning Act 2008 is not engaged.
- 4.1.22 Additionally, it is agreed that National Grid Gas plc's rights to retain its apparatus in situ and rights of access to inspect, maintain, renew repair or carry out any works required to such apparatus located within or in close proximity to the Order limits will be maintained at all times. National Grid Gas plc's access to inspect and maintain such apparatus will also not be restricted. Additionally, National Grid Gas plc's right to agree connections in to its apparatus within or in close proximity to the Order limits with any of its customers shall not be restricted by the Applicant or require permission from the Applicant in the event that the dDCO is approved.

Article 6 (Benefits of the Order)

- 4.1.23 It is agreed that no amendments to Article 6 of the Deadline 5 version of the dDCO are requested by National Grid Electricity Transmission plc or National Grid Gas plc.

Article 10 (Power to alter layout, etc., of streets)

- 4.1.24 It is agreed that no amendments to Article 10 of the Deadline 5 version of the dDCO are requested by National Grid Electricity Transmission plc or National Grid Gas plc.

Protective Provisions (Schedule 10)

- 4.1.25 It is agreed that the protective provisions for electricity and gas in Schedule 10 of the dDCO adequately match the standard protective provisions of National Grid Electricity Transmission plc and National Grid Gas plc subject to the Applicant deleting its suggested additional provision at Schedule 10 clause 12(6) of the dDCO and including an additional protection so that if a street in, on, under or over which it has apparatus is temporarily stopped up pursuant to Article 13 (Agreement with Street Authorities) then National Grid Electricity Transmission plc and/or National Grid Gas plc will still have the right to access its apparatus.

Land Agreements

4.1.26 It is agreed that the below agreements will be required between the Applicant and National Grid Electricity Transmission plc:


- Option for cable easement and grant of easement (in relation to cable easement for Northern Route)
- Option for cable easement and grant of easement for working area (in relation to cable easement for Southern Route)
- Deed of Surrender and regrant of Lease for cooling water discharge pipeline
- Option for Grant of easement for river water supply connection
- Option and grant of temporary easement for Haul Road

5.0 SIGNATURES

This Statement of Common Ground is agreed:

On behalf of National Grid Electricity Transmission plc:

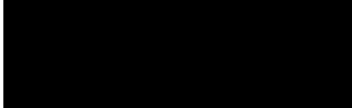
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On behalf of the Applicant:

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6.0 REFERENCES

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