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1. INTRODUCTION

This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been prepared by Ecotricity (Heck Fen Solar) Limited (“the Applicant”) in conjunction with National Grid Electricity Transmission (“NGET”).

The proposed development comprises the construction, operation (including maintenance), and decommissioning of a ground mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) electricity generation and energy storage facility (hereafter referred to as “the Energy Park”), cable route to, and above and below ground works at, the National Grid Bicker Fen Substation (hereafter referred to as “the Proposed Development” (inclusive of Energy Park)) on land at Six Hundreds Farm, Six Hundreds Drove, East Heckington, Sleaford, Lincolnshire.

In the table below of this SoCG:

- “Agreed” indicates where the issue has been resolved
- “Not Agreed” indicates a final position of the parties that is not agreed, and
- “Under discussion” indicates where these points are the subject of on-going discussion wherever possible to resolve, or refine, the extent of disagreement between the parties.

It can be taken that any matters not specifically referred to in this SoCG are not of material interest or relevance and therefore have not been considered further. It is recognised however that engagement between all parties will need to continue due to their joint interest in matters arising from the Proposed Development.

The purpose of the SoCG is to identify the areas where the principal parties do not agree and remain in dispute. This will allow the Examination to focus on the most pertinent issues.

Summary of main issues agreed/not agreed

Based on engagement to date, common ground is expected to be agreed prior to the closure of the Examination.

2. MATTERS TO BE AGREED

Reference and Status	Topic	NGET's Position	Applicant's Position
1. Under Discussion	Effects on and protection of assets and operations including Bicker Fen Substation and overhead lines.	Discussions on the Protective Provisions are concluded but discussions on other commercial terms for the protection of NGET are ongoing but expected to be resolved well within the examination timetable.	<p>Carrying out works in the proximity of NGET's operational network is covered under the agreed Protective Provisions included in the dDCO, which protect NGET's operational network.</p> <p>Specifically, part of the Proposed Development (rights in respect of which are granted for the benefit of both NGET and the Applicant) is for new plant and electrical assets at the Bicker Fen Substation in close proximity to NGET's existing assets.</p> <p>NGET and the Applicant are also discussing commercial terms in respect of the protection of NGET's assets, which remain ongoing but are expected to be concluded during the course of Examination.</p>
2. Agreed	Connection agreement	Agreed	<p>A connection agreement is in place between Ecotricity Generation Limited (a sibling group of the Applicant (Ecotricity (Heck Fen Solar) Limited)) and National Grid Electricity System Operator.</p> <p>Under the Connection Agreement, National Grid are obliged to provide a connection to the Applicant.</p>
3. Agreed	Drafting of the dDCO	Agreed	Agreed form Protective Provisions are included in

Reference and Status	Topic	NGET's Position	Applicant's Position
	including Protective Provisions		the dDCO (document reference 3.1, version 3), which have been negotiated and agreed between NGET and the Applicant.

3. SIGNATORIES

The above SoCG is agreed between Ecotricity (Heck Fen Solar) Limited ("the Applicant") and National Grid Electricity Transmission, as specified below.

Duly authorised for and on behalf of Ecotricity (Heck Fen Solar) Limited

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