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INTRODUCTION

This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been prepared by Ecotricity (Heck Fen Solar) Limited (“the Applicant”) in conjunction with Anglian Water (“AW”).

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

Common ground on the following issues is agreed.


MATTERS TO BE AGREED

| Reference and Status | Topic | AW's Position | Applicant's Position |
|----------------------|---|---------------|---|
| 1. Agreed | Effects on operations | Agreed | <p>Carrying out works in the proximity of AW's operational network is covered under the agreed Protective Provisions included in the dDCO, which protect AW's operational network. A utilities search has highlighted AW assets along the A17, Timms Drove, Bicker Drove and Vicarage Drove.</p> <p>The Proposed Development will not impact Anglian Water's assets as surface water will be discharged to watercourses and not the sewage network.</p> <p>A Drainage Strategy is included in the Flood Risk Assessment.</p> <p>Welfare facilities will be containerised, such as a septic tank. It is currently hoped that rainwater harvesting can be used in welfare facilities.</p> |
| 2. Agreed | Water supply requirements of the proposed development | Agreed | <p>Water is currently available onsite for farming activities and this is considered sufficient for any construction and operational needs.</p> <p>Should the detailed design of the energy storage facility require water on site, it is expected a fire hydrant could be extended into the site from the A17. Alternatively emergency abstractions could also take place in the nearby drains should water be available, however this is not assumed, and water tanks are provided in the layout to ensure a worst-case assessment, should detailed design prior to construction require them. The tanks, if required, would be infilled slowly at a rate of 20m³/day.</p> |
| 3. Agreed | Drafting of the dDCO including Requirements and Protective Provisions | Agreed | <p>Protective Provisions are included in the dDCO, which are based on AW's standard form of provisions.</p> |

SIGNATORIES

The above SoCG is agreed between Ecotricity (Heck Fen Solar) Limited ("the Applicant") and Anglian Water, as specified below.

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

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