

Heckington Fen Solar Park

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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 Gas Transmission plc (“NGT”).

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

“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

Common ground is agreed on all matters.

2. MATTERS TO BE AGREED

Reference and Status	Topic	NGT’s Position	Applicant’s Position
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1. Agreed	Effects on and protection of assets and operations including Feeder Main 7 Hatton to Gosberton.	Discussions on the Protective Provisions are concluded for the protection of NGT.	<p>Carrying out works in the proximity of NGT's operational network is covered under the agreed form Protective Provisions included in the final dDCO submitted at Deadline 5, which protect NGT's operational network.</p> <p>Fencing over the Feeder Main on the proposed energy park has been shared with NGT for their consideration.</p> <p>Traffic crossing with the Feeder Main may require matting depending on the final weight of vehicles. The heaviest vehicles (for the transformers) will cross the Feeder Main within the A17 highway boundary before entering the Energy Park site.</p> <p>Cables will cross the Feeder Main within the Energy Park and for the offsite grid cable route within farmland.</p> <p>The gas valve on the Energy Park site, shown as a small red square denoting it is outside of the Order Limits, will be accessible via Rectory Lane as currently is the case. Access to the gas valve will be available 24 hours a day.</p>
2. Agreed	Drafting of the dDCO including Protective Provisions	<p>The Protective Provisions included in the dDCO have been agreed between the parties.</p> <p>The side agreement has also been agreed between the parties and is out for signature.</p> <p>Following legal completion of the side agreement, NGT will</p>	<p>The agreed form Protective Provisions between the parties are included in the dDCO submitted at Deadline 5.</p> <p>The parties have concluded negotiations on the commercial side agreement required by NGT. The side agreement is now agreed by the parties and out for signature by the Applicant and NGT.</p> <p>Following legal completion of the side agreement, the Applicant understands that NGT will withdraw its</p>

Reference and Status	Topic	NGT's Position	Applicant's Position
		withdraw its outstanding objection to the Applicant's project.	outstanding representations in respect of the Proposed Development and granting of the DCO.

SIGNATORIES

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

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

Name:	
Job Title:	
Date:	
Signature:	

Duly authorised for and on
behalf of National Gas Transmission plc

Name:	
Job Title:	
Date:	
Signature:	