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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Parties

1.1.1. The “Parties” to this Statement of Common Ground (‘SoCG’) are Cory Environmental Holdings Limited (‘the Applicant’) and UK Power Networks (‘UKPN’).

1.2. Purpose of this Statement of Common Ground

1.2.1. This SoCG has been prepared by the Applicant to inform the Examining Authority of the matters agreed and, if applicable, the matters yet to be agreed, between the Parties in relation to the Development Consent Order (‘DCO’) application for the Cory Decarbonisation Project (‘the Proposed Scheme’).

1.3. Background and Description of the Proposed Scheme

1.3.1. The Applicant has applied to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero under the Planning Act 2008 for powers to construct, operate, maintain and decommission a carbon capture facility to capture carbon dioxide from energy from waste facilities Riverside 1 and Riverside 2 (at the time of writing, construction for Riverside 2 is ongoing) at Cory’s existing facility on Norman Road (‘the Riverside Campus’), in the London Borough of Bexley.

1.3.2. The application was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate on 20 March 2024 and was accepted for Examination on 18 April 2024.

1.3.3. The Proposed Scheme is described in **Chapter 2: Site and the Proposed Scheme (Volume 1)** of the **Environmental Statement (Document Reference 6.1)**, **Planning Inspectorate Reference (APP-051)** and the principal elements include:

- the Carbon Capture Facility (including its associated supporting plant and ancillary infrastructure);
- a Proposed Jetty to allow for export of the captured carbon by vessel;
- a Mitigation and Enhancement Area;
- Temporary construction compounds; and
- Utilities Connections and Site Access Works.

1.4. UKPN’s Interests

1.4.1. The Applicant has engaged and consulted with UKPN because it anticipates that UKPN will have an interest in the Riverside Campus in the form of a substation lease and associated easement(s), and will have apparatus in the ground up Norman Road and one of the sites to be developed on the west of Norman Road, by the time construction of the Proposed Scheme takes place.

1.4.2. Acknowledging the future interests and apparatus of UKPN the Applicant has provided for Protective Provisions in the **draft DCO (AS-014)**.

2. RECORD OF ENGAGEMENT

2.1.1. A summary of the key meetings and key correspondence between the Parties can be found in the table below.

Table 1. Record of Engagement

Date	Form of Correspondence	Summary of Matters Dealt with in Correspondence / Meetings
05.04.2023	Letter	LIQ issued to UKPN
05.06.2023	Meeting	Meeting between the Parties to introduce the Proposed Scheme and to cover the possibility of discussions over Protective Provisions
05.06.2023	Email	Email to UKPN introducing the Proposed Scheme and enclosing EIA Scoping Report
15.02.2024	Email	Email to UKPN chasing LIQ response, providing statutory consultation document, highlighting relationship between UKPNs current and future interests in relation to Riverside 2 and the Proposed Scheme, and setting out the Applicant's intention to agree a SoCG with UKPN.
19.02.2024	Letter	Confirmation schedule issued to UKPN.
26.02.2024	Email	Email to UKPN seeking clarification over its Protective Provisions requirements, and reiterating that the Applicant would look to a SoCG to record the position once UKPN had considered its requirements.
24.04.2024	Email	Email to UKPN confirming that the Applicant's application had been accepted for Examination by the Planning Inspectorate, providing a link to access and review the application documents, and offering to meet to discuss next steps.
05.06.2024	Meeting	Meeting between the Parties to reiterate the future interests UKPN is anticipated to have by the time the Proposed Scheme is

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		implemented, should it achieve development consent, confirm that the draft DCO contains Protective Provisions for UKPN, encourage UKPN to review these, and again introduce the prospect of a SoCG
04.07.2024	Email	Email to UKPN enclosing meeting notes from 05.06.2024, providing a copy of the draft UKPN Protective Provisions provided for in the draft DCO, to encourage UKPN to consider if any amendments were necessary, and to set out key matters the Applicant intends to cover in a SoCG.
09.07.2024	Email	Email from the Applicant to UKPN, enclosing a draft SoCG for it to review.

2.1.5. The Parties remain in regular communication.

3. MATTERS AGREED BETWEEN THE PARTIES

3.1. Introduction

3.1.1. The Parties are agreed on the points set out in this section.

3.2. Matters Agreed

- 3.2.1. UKPN will have a future proprietary interest on the Riverside Campus, likely in the form of a substation lease in connection with the Riverside Energy Park Development Consent Order 2020 (SI 2020/419).
- 3.2.2. UKPN will have future rights over the Riverside Campus, likely in the form of an easements (or easements) to facilitate the operation and maintenance of a 132kv cable from a substation on the Riverside Campus to a point on Norman Road at which it is adopted by the London Borough of Bexley.
- 3.2.3. UKPN will have apparatus in the form of a 132kv cable (and associated infrastructure) along Norman Road and in one of the sites to the west of Norman Road that is to be developed in relation to the Proposed Scheme, currently owned by Riverside Resource Recovery Limited (plot numbers 1-035, 1-039 and 1-045 on the **Land Plans (AS-006)**).
- 3.2.4. The **draft DCO (AS-014)** submitted by the Applicant contains Protective Provisions for the benefit of UKPN.
- 3.2.5. The Parties will work together and engage in good faith to agree any amendments to the Protective Provisions contained in the **draft DCO (AS-014)**, if UKPN considers these necessary as departures from its standards and guidance.

4. MATTERS UNDER DISCUSSION

4.1. Introduction

4.1.1. The following matter(s) are under discussion between the Parties.

4.2. Matters under Discussion

4.2.1. The Parties continue to discuss the potential for any amendments to the Protective Provisions contained in the **draft DCO (AS-014)** for UKPN's benefit, with a view to reaching an agreement those terms.

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