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Abbreviations / Acronyms

Abbreviation / Acronym	Description
AWS	Anglian Water Services Ltd
DCO	Development Consent Order
dDCO	Draft Development Consent Order
ES	Environmental Statement
GW	gigawatt
NGET	National Grid Electricity Transmission
OFWAT	Water Services Regulation Authority
ODOW	Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind
OnSS	Onshore substation
SOCG	Statement of Common Ground

Terminology

Term	Definition
The Applicant	GT R4 Ltd. The Applicant making the application for a DCO. The Applicant is GT R4 Limited (a joint venture between Corio Generation (and its affiliates), Total Energies and Gulf Energy Development (GULF)), trading as Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind. The Project is being developed by Corio Generation, TotalEnergies and GULF.
Onshore substation (OnSS)	The Project's onshore HVAC substation, containing electrical equipment, control buildings, lightning protection masts, communications masts, access, fencing and other associated equipment, structures or buildings; to enable connection to the National Grid
The Project	Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind, an offshore wind generating station together with associated onshore and offshore infrastructure.

1 Introduction

1.1 The Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind (ODOW) Project

1. Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind (“The Project”) is a proposed offshore windfarm, with an Array Area located approximately 33miles (54km) off the coast of Lincolnshire. The Project has a total installed capacity of 1.5GW which is roughly equivalent to the annual electricity consumption of over 1.6 million UK households.
2. The Project includes the offshore and onshore infrastructure required to transmit the power generated by the wind turbines to an onshore substation (OnSS) at Surfleet Marsh and subsequently into the National Grid Transmission System at Weston Marsh, the grid connection point specified by National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET), in its grid connection offer for the Project.

1.2 The purpose of this Statement of Common Ground (SOCG)

3. Anglian Water Services (AWS) owns and operates the potable water supply and sewerage infrastructure within the area of the project. There will be an interface between ODOW and AWS at locations where the Project intersects with existing AWS apparatus, which requires both protection of the asset and of the continuity of the service to the AWS customers.
4. AWS is a Water Supply and Sewerage Licensee under the Water Act 2014 and is regulated by the Water Services Regulation Authority (OFWAT).
5. This SOCG has been prepared by the Applicant and AWS. It identifies topics that are relevant to AWS’s statutory role and its assets and states whether relevant matters are agreed, not agreed or still in discussion.
6. This SOCG has been prepared with due regard to the Planning Act 2008: Guidance on the examination stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (2024)

1.3 Topics addressed in this Statement of Common Ground (SOCG)

7. Table 1 sets out the matters addressed by the SOCG between the Applicant and AWS, which relate to AWS’s statutory undertaking. The topics referred to are referenced against the relevant chapter of the Environmental Statement (ES), or other DCO application plans or documents.

Table 1 Topics included in this SOCG

Topic	Application Documents and references
The protection of AWS’s existing plant, apparatus and operations	ES Project Description: Crossing Schedule (6.3.3.2) DCO Crossings Plans (2.18) Outline Code of Construction Practice (8.01) Draft Development Consent Order (3.01)

1.4 Identification of items agreed / not agreed / in discussion.

8. This SOCG identifies the topics that are relevant to NGET and identifies them as agreed, not agreed or in discussion and uses a colour coding system. The system used throughout this document is summarised in Table 2 below.

Table 2 Colour coding of items

Classification	Meaning
Agreed	Agreement has been reached between the parties
In discussion	This matter has not been 'agreed' or 'not agreed' but discussions are continuing, or information is to be provided with the intention of reaching agreement.
Not agreed (No material impact)	This matter has not been agreed, but discussions have been concluded and it is considered that it does not have a material impact upon the conclusions of the assessment.
Not Agreed	This matter has not been agreed, but discussions have been concluded. It is considered that it does have a material impact upon the conclusions of the assessment.

1.5 Consultation undertaken to date

9. Table 3 sets out the specific engagement conducted with AWS to date and the key discussion points, which is in addition to the project's statutory and non-statutory consultation processes.

Table 3 Engagement AWS

Engagement Date	Topic/ Key Discussion Points
June 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Inception Meeting ▪ Scoping of topics to be addressed ▪ Arrangements for review of protective provisions
October 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review of Protective Provisions
November 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Haven crossing AWS existing infrastructure
Throughout 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ongoing email exchanges to agree Protective Provisions

2 Statement of Common Ground

2.1 Plant protection and continuity of supply

10. The following topics relate to AWS's existing apparatus, its safety and the safety and the continuity of the essential services to AWS customers.

Table 3 Plant protection and safety

ID	ODOW Position	AWS Position	Status
Identification of AWS's existing apparatus			
AWS1	The crossing schedule (Volume 1, Chapter 3 Project Description, Appendix 2, (6.3.3.2)) and Onshore Crossing Plans (2.18) included in the application accurately identify AWS's existing apparatus within the ODOW application boundary.		
Protection of AWS apparatus			
AWS2	The Applicant has engaged with AWS to discuss the management of construction activity and likely impacts to AWS's infrastructure, which include many crossings and potentially a small number of potential minor local diversions. The protective provisions reflect the potential impacts of the project.		
Demand on infrastructure			
AWS3	The project will not have any significant demand upon AWS's infrastructure. The project will require a permanent low volume water supply for the onshore substation welfare facilities. Temporary connection		

ID	ODOW Position	AWS Position	Status
	applications will be made for (temporary) water supplies and potentially sewerage connections to construction compounds where suitable existing infrastructure is in place.		
Protective Provisions			
AWS4	AWS has provided ODOW with its standard protective provisions and discussions have been completed regarding these, which are included in the draft DCO (3.1) Schedule 18 Part 3 'Protection of Anglian Water Services Ltd'		
Easements at the Haven Crossing			
AWS5	The project order limits at the Haven crossing (river Witham), overlap with AWS services, with easements. The applicant has engaged with AWS to confirm that the services which crossed under the river are redundant and abandoned, having been severely damaged by a vessel.		

3 Signatures

11. The above statement of common ground has been prepared by Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind and AWS and is agreed on the date below.

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