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GLOSSARY

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| Construction phase | Preparatory works and construction works which will take place before the Proposed Development becomes operational |
| Development Consent Order (DCO) | An order made by the relevant Secretary of State granting development consent following the submission of an application made pursuant to section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 for a NSIP |
| Distribution Licence | A distribution licence granted under Section 6(1)(c) of the Electricity Act 1989 (as amended) . |
| Distribution Network Operator (DNO) | Distribution Network Operators own and operate the electricity distribution network that brings electricity from the national transmission network to the consumer. SP Manweb is the DNO for North and Mid Wales, Cheshire and Merseyside |
| Draft Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) | Sets out the standard good practice measures that will be adopted by contractors for any construction works associated with the Proposed Development |
| Electricity Act 1989 | The Electricity Act 1989 (as amended) |
| Environment Agency | A non-departmental public body, with responsibilities relating to the protection and enhancement of the environment in England. |
| Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) | A statutory process whereby a project is assessed through the collection and consideration of environmental information with the aim of taking account of the likely significant effects of the proposed development on the environment in the decision making process. The findings are published in an Environmental Statement |
| Environmental Statement (ES) | Report documenting the outcome of an Environmental Impact Assessment |
| kV | kilovolt (1000 volts) |
| Mitigation | Measures to avoid, reduce and offset environmental effects |
| Natural England | A non-departmental public body, responsible for ensuring that England's natural environment, including its land, flora and fauna, freshwater and marine environments, geology and |

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| | soils, are protected and improved. It also has a responsibility to help people enjoy, understand and access the natural environment. |
| Overhead Line | 132,000 volts overhead line from the Terminal Pole at Long Wood near Oswestry(SJ 31132 29877) to the SP Manweb Substation at Wem |
| Planning Act 2008 (the Act) | The legislation for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects which set out statutory requirements for, amongst other matters, applying for and determining applications for development consent |
| Requirement | A requirement in Schedule 2 of the Reinforcement to the North Shropshire Electricity Distribution Network Order 20[] |
| SP Manweb | The DNO for Cheshire, Merseyside, North Wales and Shropshire. The promoter of the Proposed Development. |
| Substation | Generated electricity is fed into the electrify distribution network through substations. Substations control the flow of power through the network by means of transformers and switchgear, with facilities for control, fault protection and communications |
| Wood poles | Wooden poles used to support an overhead electricity line (either single or double) |

1.1 SUMMARY

1.1.1 This statement supports the application by SP Manweb under the Planning Act 2008 for the Reinforcement to the North Shropshire Electricity Distribution Network Development Consent Order (DCO).

1.1.2 The Proposed Development comprises a new 22.5 km 132kV electrical circuit between the existing SP Manweb Substations at Oswestry and Wem in North Shropshire, together with associated temporary construction works. The circuit would be a combination of underground cables and overhead line. Works are also required at the existing Oswestry and Wem Substations to accommodate the new circuit.

1.1.3 The Proposed Development includes the following elements:

- Works within the boundary of the existing SP Manweb Substation at Oswestry including underground cable and the installation of electrical switchgear and associated equipment;
- Approximately 1.2km of 132kV underground cable between Oswestry Substation and a 132kV terminal structure at Long Wood (SJ 31132 29877);
- Approximately 21.3km of 132kV of overhead line supported by Trident wood poles from the terminal structure at Long Wood (SJ 31132 29877) to the existing SP Manweb Substation at Wem; and
- Works within the existing SP Manweb Substation at Wem including the installation of a new 132kV to 33kV transformer.

1.1.4 The Proposed Development also includes work to facilitate the new electrical circuit including:

- Undergrounding six short sections of existing SP Manweb lower voltage overhead lines in order to ensure safe electrical clearance for the new overhead line; and

- Temporary works required for the construction of the new overhead line including seven temporary laydown areas, welfare unit, security cabin, access tracks, vegetation clearance and reinstatement planting.

1.1.5 The construction compound for the Proposed Development would be located at the existing SP Manweb depot at Maesbury Road, Oswestry Industrial Estate, where site offices and welfare facilities are already in place. As this is an existing depot this compound is not included within the application. The construction compound would cater for the following:

- Bulk delivery (HGV) and storage of materials, the main components being wood poles, wood baulks, conductor, stay wire, crossarm assemblies and insulators; and
- Storage of construction plant and equipment.

1.1.6 This statement lists other consents that SP Manweb will obtain to allow the construction, operation and maintenance of the Proposed Development.

1.1.7 Section 37(3) of the Planning Act 2008 sets out that a satisfactory application for an order granting development consent must:

- Specify the development to which it relates;
- Be made in the prescribed form;
- Be accompanied by the consultation report; and
- Be accompanied by documents and information of a prescribed description.

1.1.8 The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (“APFP Regulations”) require the application to be made in writing set on a specified form and that it must be accompanied by a number of specified documents (see Regulations 5 and 6).

1.1.9 Whilst regulations 5 and 6 of the APFP Regulations provide the statutory requirements for what must accompany a development consent application,

neither regulation includes a requirement to submit this statement (a statement specifying other consents and licences). However the application form guidance issued by the Department for Communities and Local Government in June 2013 requires that:

‘Where the proposed development will also require other consents, licences, permits, etc., to enable it to be constructed and / or operational, and for which the [SoS] is not the authorising body, then the applicant must list and briefly describe these in the application. Reference should be given to any that have already been applied for, and a copy enclosed of any that the applicant may already be in the possession of’.

- 1.1.10 PINS Advice Note 6 (February 2016) also lists “details of other consents and licences” in its “Appendix 1: Suggested order of information submitted with application”.
- 1.1.11 The outstanding consents listed below are standard consents that SP Manweb applies for on most large construction projects. As most of the consents and licences listed below are time limited and require detailed pre-construction surveys, it is not suitable to apply for these prior to the DCO submission.

1.2 REQUIRED CONSENTS

| Table 2.1 – Consents/Licences not included in the DCO | | | |
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| Consenting Authority | Consent | Legislation | Status/Comment |
| Natural England | European Protected Species (EPS) Licences | Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 | Following discussion with NE and ecology surveys it is anticipated that EPS licences will be required for great crested newts. All trees potentially affected by the proposed development have been assessed for bat roost potential. On currently available evidence no |

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| Consenting Authority | Consent | Legislation | Status/Comment |
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| | | | <p>bat roosts are likely to be directly (through tree removal) or indirectly (through disturbance, e.g. from lighting) affected by the Proposed Development. No trees with moderate/high bat roost potential will be removed without rechecking their roost potential and, where necessary, establishing whether a roost is present. Trees with confirmed bat roosts would only be removed under a EPS derogation licence issued by NE.</p> <p>An application will be made once the DCO has been made. No other EPS licences are required.</p> |
| Natural England | Licence to authorise work affecting [REDACTED] or interfering with [REDACTED] setts | Protection of [REDACTED] Act 1992 | [REDACTED] are present in proximity to the Proposed Development and therefore a licence will be required. An application for the licence will be made once the DCO has been made. |
| Environment Agency | Environmenta l Permitting for works within 8m to a river bank | Environmenta l Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016. This would have formerly been called a Flood Defence Consent | <p>The Environment Agency (EA) have confirmed that the Proposed Development can be constructed under exemption and a full permit will not be required for the River Perry crossings.</p> <p>The EA have confirmed that because of the proximity of their Common Wood flood defence, a bespoke Flood Risk Environmental Permit is required for this crossing. Detailed method statements from the contractor will be required to secure the consent. The application will be made once the DCO has been made.</p> |

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| Consenting Authority | Consent | Legislation | Status/Comment |
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| Environment Agency | Environmental Permitting discharge consents | Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016 | The need for discharge consents will be identified by the main construction contractor prior to construction during the detailed design phase. If required, the application for consent will be made once the DCO has been made. |
| Local authority | Section 61 consent(s) | Control of Pollution Act 1974 | The need for Section 61 consents will be identified by the main construction contractor prior to construction during the detailed design phase. If required, the application for consent will be made once the DCO has been made. |

1.2.1 SP Manweb does not consider there to be any impediments to gaining the consents listed above and has no reason to believe that the consents would not be granted. SP Manweb does not consider the need for other consents and licences as a risk to the delivery of the North Shropshire Reinforcement Project