

Viking CCS Pipeline

8.22 Draft Statement of Common Ground – Uniper

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1 Introduction

1.1 Overview

- 1.1.1 This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been prepared by Chrysaor Production (UK) Ltd (the 'Applicant') in conjunction with Uniper Gas UK Ltd (Uniper) in respect of the Viking CCS Pipeline project (the 'Proposed Development').
- 1.1.2 The SoCG sets out the matters of agreement between the Applicant and Uniper Gas UK Ltd and also explains those matters which, at the time of writing, remain unresolved between the parties. The agreements to date have been reached through consultation and continuing discussions between the parties through online meetings.

1.2 The Role of Uniper Gas UK Ltd (Uniper)

- 1.2.1 Uniper is a licensed gas transporter under the Gas Act 1986, with a statutory responsibility to operate and maintain specific regional gas distribution networks in the UK.
- 1.2.2 In the UK, Uniper owns and operates a flexible generation portfolio of seven power stations, a fast-cycle gas storage facility and two high pressure gas pipelines, from Theddlethorpe to Killingholme and Blyborough to Cottam, in the northeast of England. Additionally, Uniper have significant long-term regasification capacity at the Grain LNG terminal in Kent, to convert LNG back to natural gas.
- 1.2.3 The Theddlethorpe to Killingholme gas pipeline (20" dia., circa 40km) was constructed in 1991 and designed to provide gas to Uniper power plants at Killingholme. A spur line connection, made to a pre-installed tee at Thornton Curtis in 1991/92, provided an additional connection from the National Grid Thornton Curtis facility, thereby allowing supplies of gas from the NGG system into the Uniper distributions centre. The Thornton Curtis connection is approximately 2 km from the Killingholme site.
- 1.2.4 Following decommissioning of the Theddlethorpe Gas Terminal (TGT), the pipeline has been positively disconnected with supplies taken from the Thornton Curtis NTS connection only, however the installed pipeline is utilised for gas storage for the Killingholme site.
- 1.2.5 Uniper is a statutory consultee for the proposed Viking CCS pipeline under Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008.

1.3 Purpose of this Statement of Common Ground

- 1.3.1 The purpose of this document is to summarise the agreements reached between the parties on matters relevant to the examination of the application and to assist the Examining Authority ('ExA'). It also sets out the matters that remain unresolved at the time of writing, but which both parties are working positively toward resolving. As such, it is expected that further iterations of the SoCG will be submitted to the ExA throughout the Examination and prior to the making of any Development Consent Order ('DCO') for the Proposed Development.
- 1.3.2 The SoCG has been prepared with regard to the guidance in 'Planning Act 2008: examination of applications for development consent' (Department for Communities and Local Government, March 2015).
- 1.3.3 The Theddlethorpe to Killingholme gas pipeline is located within the order limits at various locations along the route.

1.3.4 The remainder of this SoCG is structured as follows:

- Section 2 – Summary of consultation and discussions; and
- Section 3 - Position of the parties

1.4 Status of this Statement of Common Ground

1.4.1 This SoCG is currently in draft form.

2 Summary of Consultation and Discussions

Introduction

2.1.1 In addition to the consultation undertaken as part of statutory consultation, there have been a number of meetings and correspondence relating to the Proposed Development. Details of various meetings and key correspondence are set out in Table 2-1 Record of meetings and correspondence with Uniper. Table 2-1 below.

Table 2-1 Record of meetings and correspondence with Uniper.

Date of meeting/ correspondence	Description of meeting/correspondence
25 th January 2023	Teleconference presentation on Viking CCS Pipeline project
8 th March 2023	Teleconference catch up on Viking CCS Pipeline project & progress
April 2023	Email issue of the Draft Order Limits
19 th January 2024	Telecom and email correspondence on DCO application acceptance and requirement for issue of SoCG. Uniper to clarify with Legal representatives
7 th March 2024	Email correspondence on progress of legal requirement for SoCG
11 th March 2024	Email correspondence from Uniper and request for draft SoCG
12 TH March 2024	Telecom between Noel Cunningham and Lucy Berry (Uniper - Lands) including issue of draft SoCG
21 st March 2024	Email correspondence to Uniper on progress of SoCG
24 TH April 2024	Email correspondence to Uniper on progress of SoCG

3 Position of the Parties

3.1.1 Table 3-1 sets out the position of the parties relating to the following topics:

- General protective provisions for Uniper
- Notification of HSSE risk with regards Uniper asset.

3.1.2 To provide clarity, each of the matters for which a position has been attributed have been colour coded as follows:

Agreed	The matter is agreed between the parties, or there are no significant disagreement such that the matter is considered closed.
Not agreed - no material impact	The matter is not agreed between the parties; however the outcome of the approach taken by the Applicant or Uniper is not considered to result in a material impact to the assessment conclusions. Discussions on this matter have concluded.
In discussion	This matter is neither 'agreed' or 'not agreed'. Technical work is being undertaken with the aim of achieving agreement, though the risk of disagreement remains.
Not agreed	The matter is not agreed between the parties and the outcome of the approach taken by the Applicant or Uniper is considered to result in a materially different impact to the assessment conclusions.

Table 3-1 Position of the Parties

ID	Matter	Detail	Related documents and their references	Comments from the Parties	Agreed / Not Agreed
General Matters					
UNI1	Engagement	The pre-application engagement undertaken by the applicant has been proactive and professional.	N/A	Applicant: Applicant has corresponded in a professional and pro-active manner Uniper:	Agreed
UNI2	Project Information	Details of the project, including its need, have been provided.	N/A	Applicant: Project information was notified through statutory consultation and correspondence during pre-application period. Uniper:	Agreed
Protective Provisions					
UNI3	Protective Provisions	The protective provisions included in Part 1, Schedule 9 of the draft DCO (Revision A) [AS-008] ensure that appropriate protection and safeguarding measures for Uniper’s assets and interests are in place. Both parties agree that appropriate protection is in place for Uniper and that Uniper will not suffer serious detriment to the carrying on of its undertaking as a result of the Project	N/A	Applicant: Agreed Uniper:	In Discussion

4 References

There are no documents referenced at present.