

Viking CCS Pipeline

8.13 Statement of Common Ground – National Grid Electricity Transmission (Clean)

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This Draft Statement of Common Ground has been agreed between Chrysaor Production (UK) Limited and National Grid Electricity Transmission on the day specified below

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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 National Grid Electricity Transmission 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 National Grid Electricity Transmission 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 National Grid Electricity Transmission

- 1.2.1 National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) own and maintain the high-voltage electricity transmission network in England and Wales.
- 1.2.2 NGET transport electricity generated from windfarms and other power sources through a network of pylons, overhead lines, cables, and substations. The voltage is lowered at substations prior to transportation through separate local distribution networks, which connect directly to homes and businesses.
- 1.2.3 NGET 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 NGET has specifically identified the following existing and planned infrastructure within, or in close proximity to, the proposed Order Limits;
- Existing infrastructure
 - 2AH 400kV overhead line - Grimsby West to South Humber Bank Killingholme – South Humber Bank
 - 4KG 400kV overhead line - Grimsby West to South Humber Bank Grimsby West – Keadby
 - Proposed Infrastructure
 - Eastern Green Link (EGL) 3 & 4 projects.
 - Walpole to Grimsby upgrade.

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 **Error! Not a valid bookmark self-reference.** below.

Table 2-1 Record of meetings and correspondence with National Grid Electricity Transmission.

Date of meeting/ correspondence	Description of meeting/correspondence
21 July 2021	Early introductory meeting to present the Project
April 2023	Email to issue the Draft Order Limits
Ongoing	Quarterly meetings regarding the NGET Grimsby to Walpole project and the potential interactions / synergies that may be achieved with Viking CCS
28 th March 2024	Email correspondence confirming Ardent as agent on behalf of NGET
15 th April 2024	Email correspondence on progress of SoCG within Ardent/NGET
16 th April 2024	Email correspondence on progress, Ardent waiting on return of legal team comments on draft SoCG
16 th April 2024	Email correspondence with NGET comments on draft SoCG
26 th April 2024	Email correspondence on intention of submittal of draft SoCG with NGET
13 th May 2024	Email correspondence and update on progress, notification that SoCG had not been formally submitted due to the revised wording included by NGET. Wording would be addressed as part of the protective provisions, with outcome of those discussions to form the basis of the SoCG.
May – August 2024	Ongoing dialogue on protective provision between both parties

3 Position of the Parties

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

- Protective Provisions

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 National Grid Electricity Transmission 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 National Grid Electricity Transmission 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					
NGET1	Engagement	The pre-application engagement undertaken by the applicant has been proactive and professional.		<p>Applicant: Propose that this is agreed due to regular meetings during pre-application?</p> <p>NGET:</p>	Agreed
NGET2	Project Information	Details of the project, including its need, have been provided.	N/A	<p>Applicant: Project information was notified through statutory consultation and correspondence during pre-application period.</p> <p>NGET: NGET has reviewed the information provided and has responded to the various consultations.</p>	Agreed
Protective Provisions					
NGET3	Protective Provisions	Draft protective provisions have been included in Part 3, Schedule 9 of the draft DCO (Revision A) [AS-008] to provide protection and safeguarding measures for National Grid Electricity Transmission’s assets and interests. Negotiation of the protective provisions are ongoing between the parties.	AS-008	<p>Applicant: Negotiation of protective provisions are ongoing and the Applicant hopes to agree these with NGET in early course.</p> <p>NGET: NGET will require adequate protective provisions to be included within the Order to ensure that its interests and statutory undertaking are adequately protected and to ensure compliance with relevant safety standards. NGET is discussing a form of protective provisions with the Applicant but these are not yet in an agreed form.</p>	In Discussion
NGET4	Proposed Infrastructure	The proposed NGET EGL3, EGL4 and Grimsby to Walpole projects (“the NGET Proposed Projects”) fall within or in close proximity to the Order boundary. [Both parties agree that adequate provision needs to be made and secured to help safeguard the development of these future projects and ensure that both the NGET Proposed Projects and the Project can be brought forward as important national energy projects.] It is proposed that these protections will be included within the scope of the protective provisions or by way of a side agreement.	[]	<p>Applicant:</p> <p>NGET: NGET will require that satisfactory provision is agreed to ensure that the NGET Proposed Projects can be developed and brought forward alongside the Project. The scope of the required protections and how they are documented are currently under discussion and not yet agreed.</p>	In Discussion

4 References

There are no documents referenced at present.