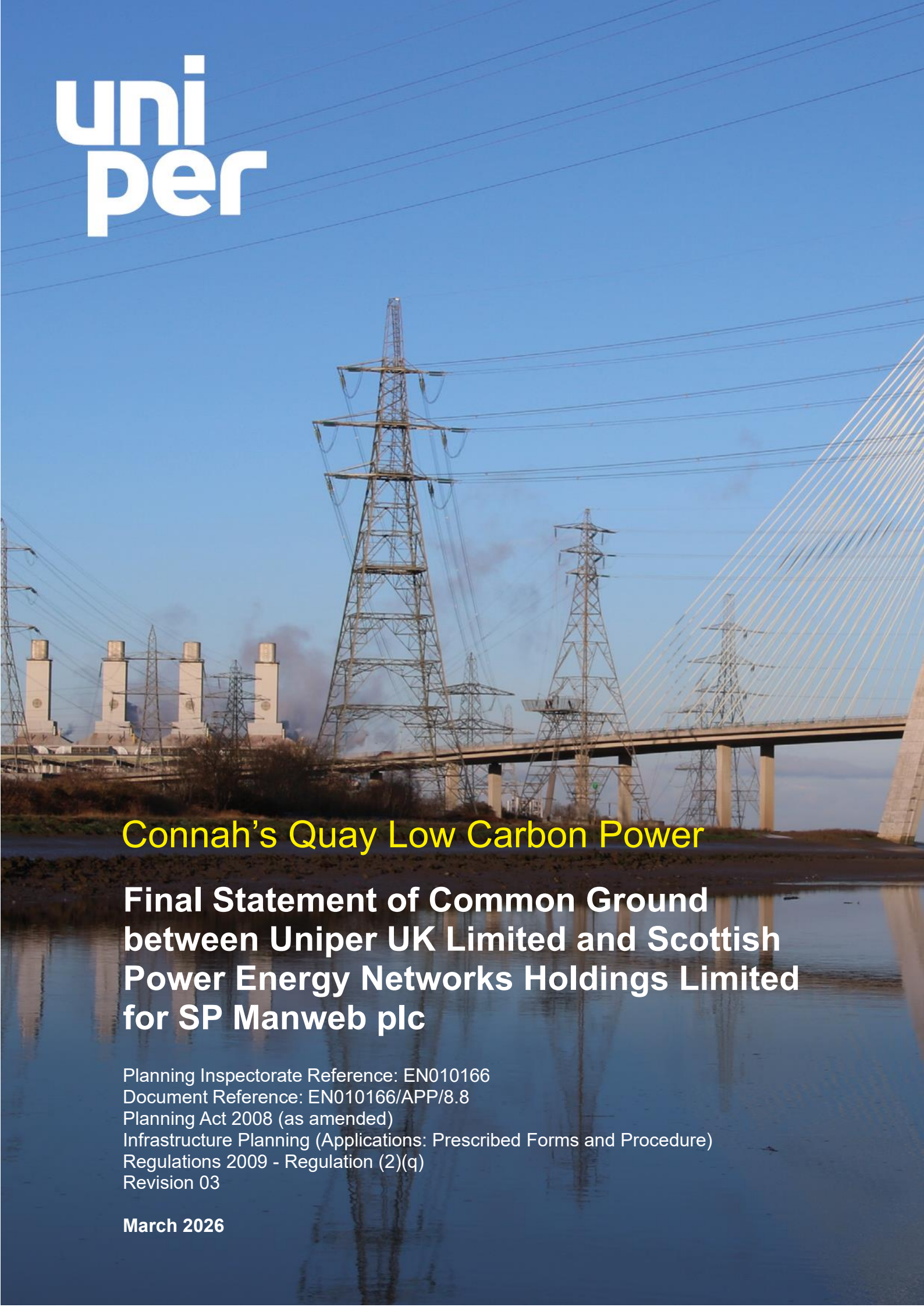


Connah's Quay Low Carbon Power

Final Statement of Common Ground between Uniper UK Limited and Scottish Power Energy Networks Holdings Limited for SP Manweb plc

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1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose of this Document

1.1.1 This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been prepared to support the application (the Application) for the Connah's Quay Low Carbon Power Project (the Proposed Development) made by Uniper UK Limited (the Applicant). The Application was submitted to the Secretary of State for a Development Consent Order (DCO) (the Order) under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 in July 2025.

1.1.2 This SoCG does not seek to replicate information which is available elsewhere within the Application documents.

1.1.3 SoCGs are an established means in the planning process of allowing all parties to identify and so focus on specific issues that may need to be addressed during the examination. This SoCG has been produced to confirm to the Examining Authority (ExA) where agreement has been reached between the parties and where matters are under discussion or where agreement has not been reached. This version of the SoCG reflects the final position between the Parties.

1.1.4 A version of this SoCG was shared with Scottish Power Energy Networks Holdings Limited and has now been signed by all Parties.

1.2 Parties to this Statement of Common Ground

1.2.1 This SoCG has been prepared between (1) the Applicant and (2) Scottish Power Energy Networks Holdings Limited (SPEN) acting for SP Manweb plc (SPM) (jointly referred to as the Parties).

1.2.2 SPM has apparatus within or adjacent to the Order limits for the Proposed Development.

The Applicant:

1.2.3 The Applicant is a UK-based company, wholly owned by Uniper SE (Uniper) through Uniper Holding GmbH. Uniper is a European energy company with global reach and activities in more than 40 countries. With around 7,500 employees, the company makes an important contribution to security of supply in Europe, particularly in its core markets of Germany, the UK, Sweden, and the Netherlands. In the UK, Uniper owns and operates a flexible generation portfolio of power stations, a fast-cycle gas storage facility and two high pressure gas pipelines, from Theddlethorpe to Killingholme and from Blyborough to Cottam.

1.2.4 Uniper is committed to investing around €8 billion (~£6.9 billion) in growth and transformation projects by the early 2030s and aims to be carbonneutral by 2040. To achieve this, the company is transforming its power plants and

facilities and investing in flexible, dispatchable power generation units. Uniper is one of Europe's largest operators of hydropower plants and is helping further expand solar and wind power, which are essential for a more sustainable and secure future. Uniper is gradually adding renewable and low-carbon gases such as biomethane to its gas portfolio and is developing a hydrogen portfolio with the aim of a long-term transition. The company plans to offset any remaining CO2 emissions by high-quality CO2-offsets.

SPM:

1.2.5 SPM is a distribution network operator of electricity throughout North Wales, Merseyside, Cheshire and North Shropshire.

1.2.6 The Application includes provisions which would, if granted, authorise the Applicant to carry out works in and in close proximity to land and assets belonging to SPM and to use such land temporarily and to acquire permanent interests in such land.

1.3 The Proposed Development

1.3.1 The Applicant is seeking a DCO for the construction, operation (including maintenance) and decommissioning of a proposed low carbon Combined Cycle Gas Turbine (CCGT) Generating Station fitted with Carbon Capture Plant (CCP) (the 'Connah's Quay Low Carbon Power (CQLCP) Abated Generating Station') and supporting infrastructure (collectively 'the Proposed Development').

1.3.2 The CQLCP Abated Generating Station would comprise up to two CCGT with CCP units (and supporting infrastructure) achieving a net electrical output capacity of more than 350 megawatts (MW; referred to as MWe for electrical output) and up to a likely maximum of 1,380 MWe (with CCP operational) onto the national electricity transmission network.

1.3.3 Through a carbon dioxide (CO2) pipeline, comprising existing and new elements, the Proposed Development would make use of CO2 transport and storage networks owned and operated by Liverpool Bay CCS Limited, currently under development as part of the HyNet Carbon Dioxide Pipeline project (referred to as the 'HyNet CO2 Pipeline Project'), that will transport CO2 captured from existing and new industries in North Wales and North-West England, for offshore storage. The captured CO2 will be permanently stored in depleted offshore gas reservoirs in Liverpool Bay.

1.3.4 For the purposes of the electrical connection, National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (NGET), which builds and maintains the electricity transmission networks, is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the existing 400 kV NGET Substation.

1.3.5 A description of the Proposed Development, including details of maximum parameters, is set out in **Chapter 4: The Proposed Development** of the **Environmental Statement (ES) (EN010166/APP/6.2.4)**. At this stage in the

development, the design of the Proposed Development incorporates a necessary degree of flexibility to allow for ongoing design development.

1.4 Terminology

1.4.1 Section 3 summarises the issues that are 'agreed', 'not agreed' or are 'under discussion'.

1.4.2 These terms are used as follows:

- "Agreed" indicates where the issue has been resolved;
- "Under discussion" indicates where these points will be the subject of ongoing discussion wherever possible to resolve, or refine, the extent of disagreement between the parties; and
- "Not Agreed" indicates a final position where the Parties have agreed to disagree.

2. Record of Engagement

2.1.1 A summary of all meetings and correspondence that has taken place between the Parties in relation to the Application is outlined in **Table 1**. This includes email correspondence between the Parties to discuss sharing of information, arrangement of meetings and where appropriate to comment on draft documentation. **Table 1** reflects the key meetings and emails of note.

Table 1: Record of Engagement

Date	Form of Correspondence and Attendees	Key Topics Discussed and Key Outcomes
7 January 2025	Email from the Applicant to SPM	Sharing a copy of the protective provisions to be included in Part 1 of the draft DCO.
27th January 2025	Call between the Applicant and SPM	Discussion of what Scottish Power's preferred protective provisions would be.
25 March 2025	Call between AECOM (acting for the Applicant) and SPM	Discussion over the provision of plans showing the interface between Scottish power apparatus and the Proposed Development.
9th May 2025	Email from AECOM to SPM	2nd draft of protective provisions plans provided requesting Scottish Power update the symbology table.
13th May 2025	Email from SPM to AECOM	Providing Scottish Power's asset plans.
14th May 2025	Email from AECOM to SPM	Correspondence regarding the symbology of assets shown on the plans.
19th May 2025	Email from SPM to AECOM	Making amendments to the plans.
29th May 2025	Email from AECOM to SPM	Sent updated plans with changes made for approval.
3rd June 2025	Email from the Applicant to SPM	Requesting confirmation that the Protective Provision Plans are now agreed
3rd June 2025	Email from SPM to the Applicant	Requesting changes to the Draft 2 Plans

Date	Form of Correspondence and Attendees	Key Topics Discussed and Key Outcomes
12th June 2025	Email from AECOM to SPM	Provided updated Plans to SPM incorporating changes requested for approval
13th June 2025	Email from the Applicant to SPM	Draft SoCG circulated for input and/or approval
23rd June 2025	Email from SPM to the Applicant	Draft SoCG shared with SPM input for approval
23rd June 2025	Email from the Applicant to SPM	Updated draft SoCG incorporating SPM amends and sent back and approval requested for plans sent on the 12th June to SPM.
23rd June 2025	Email from SPM to the Applicant	Updated draft SoCG returned with SPM signature
16th July 2025	Email from the Applicant to SPM	Draft Protective Provisions circulated for review and request for solicitor details to be shared
17th July 2025	Email from SPM to the Applicant	Confirmation that the protective provisions fall in line with what has been previously agreed on other DCOs and then once submitted to the ExA SPM will update the ExA that these are agreed. Link to H&S policies provided.
17th July 2025	Email from the Applicant to SPM	Thanking for providing acceptance of the protective provisions
9th September 2025	Email from SPM to the Applicant	Requesting Plans of the SPM network submitted as part of the DCO
15th September 2025	Email from the Applicant to SPM	Uniper re-circulated previous email sent via AEOM on the 12th June 2025 with updated plans
23rd September 2025	Email from SPM to the Applicant	Confirmation that plans require tweaking and requesting links to submitted protective provisions and SoCG

Date	Form of Correspondence and Attendees	Key Topics Discussed and Key Outcomes
2nd October 2025	Email from the Applicant to SPM	Link to the Plans, SoCG and protective provisions shared with SPM, and asked for confirmation that protective provisions were previously agreed.
17th October 2025	Email from SPM to the Applicant	Request for Plans to be incorporated and link to CEMP to be shared.
27th October 2025	Email from the Applicant to SPM	Confirming that the request regarding the protective provisions had been shared with the Applicant's solicitors
20th November 2025	Email from the Applicant to SPM	Legal confirmed that unlikely the CEMP will include reference to SPM apparatus due to protective provisions which cover this matter, which we understood were previously agreed
10th December 2025	Email from the Applicant to SPM	Requesting clarity on whether the protective provisions had been previously agreed, as communicated
15th December 2025	Email from SPM to the Applicant	Accepting that any impacts can be managed through the protective provisions and requesting confirmation that any references to SP Manweb confirm SPEN as managing their assets
15th December 2025	Email from the Applicant to SPM	Querying why the protective provisions are not agreed and confirming that SP Manweb are only listed as asset owner so protective provisions should not need updating as they are drafted to that respect
17th December 2025	Email from SPM to the Applicant	Confirming relevant representation is necessary

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		to make any changes and SMP would not remove 'objection' until final DCO submitted.
17th December 2025	Email from the Applicant to SPM	Confirming that it is fine for SPM to retain its representation throughout the examination stage.
17th December 2025	Call from SPM to the Applicant	Detailing that they may now have comments on the previously agreed the protective provisions because they are learning from previous DCOs
17th December 2025	Email from SPM to the Applicant	Confirming points of the call as above in writing
18th December 2025	Email from the Applicant to SPM	Confirmation that the drafting of protective provisions will remain the same for and SP Manweb
23rd December 2025	Email from the Applicant to SPM	Updated Statement of Common Ground shared for review and comment
14th January 2026	Email from the Applicant to SPM	Chasing for a response to the Statement of Common Ground issued
21st January 2026	Email from the Applicant to SPM	Chasing for a response to the Statement of Common Ground issued
23rd January 2026	Email from the Applicant to SPM	Chasing for a response to the Statement of Common Ground issued
4th February 2026	Email from SPM to the Applicant	Requesting minor changes to the wording within the DCO to be updated for Deadline 3 and Statement of Common Ground agreed
11th February 2026	Email from the Applicant to SPM	Confirming these changes had been made
27th February 2026	Email from SPM to the Applicant	Requesting further minor changes to the wording within the DCO to be updated for Deadline 3
3rd March 2026	Email from the Applicant to SPM	Requesting whether Protective Provisions can

Date	Form of Correspondence and Attendees	Key Topics Discussed and Key Outcomes
		be updated to agreed and Statement of Common Ground issued to that effect
3rd March 2026	Email from SPM to the Applicant	Confirming Protective Provisions are agreed and the Statement of Common Ground can be issued for approval

3. Areas of Discussion between the Parties

3.1.1 **Table 2** below details the areas of discussion and matters that are agreed, under discussion and not agreed between the Parties.

Table 2: Areas of discussion between the Parties

Ref.	Subject	Relevant Application Document	Applicant Position	SPM Position	Status	Likelihood of resolution
1	Protective Provisions	**Draft DCO (EN010166/APP/3.1)**	The Draft DCO should include provisions for the protection of SPM.	The Draft DCO should include provisions for the protection of Scottish Power.	Agreed	N/A
2	Protective Provisions	**Draft DCO (EN010166/APP/3.1)**	The drafting of the protective provisions on the face of the **Draft DCO (EN010166/APP/3.1)** are agreed with SPM.	The drafting of the protective provisions on the face of the **Draft DCO (EN010166/APP/3.1)** as at Deadline 3 are agreed.	Agreed	N/A
3	DCO Articles and Requirements	**Draft DCO (EN010166/APP/3.1)**	The Draft DCO includes articles and requirements which are appropriate for the Proposed Development.	Scottish Power has no objection to the drafting of the articles and requirements in the Draft DCO.	Agreed	N/A

4. Approvals

4.1 The Applicant

Signed: [redacted]

Name: _____

Position: _____

Date: _____

Signed: [redacted]

Name: _____

Position: _____

Date: _____

4.2 SPEN (SP Manweb plc)

Signed [redacted]

Name: _____

Position: _____

Date: _____