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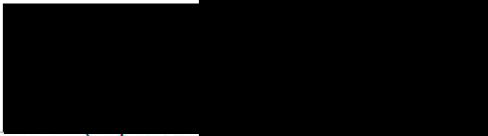
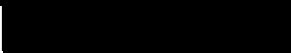
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1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose of Document

- 1.1.1 A Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) is a written statement produced as part of the Application process for a Development Consent Order (DCO) and is prepared jointly between the Applicant for a DCO and another party. It sets out matters of agreement between both parties, as well as matters where there is not an agreement. It also details matters that are under discussion.
- 1.1.2 The aim of a SoCG is to help the Examining Authority manage the Examination Phase of a DCO application. Understanding the status of the matters at hand will allow the Examining Authority to focus their questioning and provide greater predictability for all participants in examination. A SoCG may be submitted prior to the start of or during Examination, and then updated as necessary or as requested during the Examination Phase.

1.2 Description of the Project

- 1.2.1 Esso Petroleum Company, Limited (Esso) launched its Southampton to London Pipeline Project late in 2017. The project proposes to replace 90km of its 105km aviation fuel pipeline that runs from the Fawley Refinery near Southampton, to the West London Terminal storage facility in Hounslow. In spring 2018, Esso held a non-statutory consultation which helped it to select the preferred corridor for the replacement pipeline. In autumn 2018, it held a statutory consultation on the preferred route for the replacement pipeline. In early 2019, it held a second phase of statutory consultation on design refinements.

1.3 Statement of Common Ground

- 1.3.1 This SoCG has been prepared jointly by Esso as the Applicant and **South Eastern Power Networks plc** as a Relevant Statutory Undertaker.

South Eastern Power Networks plc is the licensed electricity distribution company responsible for electricity cables and lines across South East of England.

- 1.3.2 For the purpose of this SoCG, Esso and **South Eastern Power Networks plc** will jointly be referred to as the "Parties". When referencing **South Eastern Power Networks plc** alone, they will be referred to as "the Consultee".
- 1.3.3 Throughout this SoCG:
- Where a section begins 'matters agreed', this sets out matters that have been agreed between the Parties.
 - Where a section begins 'matters not agreed', this sets out matters that are not agreed between the Parties.



- Where a section begins 'matters subject to ongoing discussion', this sets out matters that are subject to further negotiation between the Parties.

1.4 Structure of the Statement of Common Ground

1.4.1 This SoCG has been structured to reflect matters and topics of relevance to the Consultee in respect of Esso's Southampton to London Pipeline Project.

- Section 2 provides an overview of the engagement to date between the Parties.
- Section 3 provides a summary of areas that have been agreed.
- Section 4 provides a record of areas that have not yet been agreed.
- Section 5 provides a list of ongoing matters (if any) that will be agreed or not agreed by the Parties during examination.
- Section 6 provides a record of relevant documents and drawings.



2. Record of Engagement Undertaken to Date

2.1 Pre-application Engagement and Consultation

2.1.1 The table below sets out the consultation and engagement that has been undertaken between the Parties prior to the submission of the DCO application.

Date	Format	Topic	Discussion Points
04/12/2017	Correspondence	Pre-go live engagement	Project introduction for stakeholders whose position and comments on the project at an early stage could significantly impact the project.
11/12/2017	Correspondence	Project launch	Project introduction and intention to hold future meeting and spring consultation.
19/03/2018	Correspondence	Non-statutory (Corridor) consultation launch	The project sent the Consultee a notification of launch letter (as a potential future statutory consultee). The Consultee did not respond to the consultation.
30/05/2018	Correspondence	Preferred corridor announcement	The project wrote to the Consultee to announce the preferred corridor.
27/06/2018	Correspondence	Initial Working Route	Project update regarding Initial Working Route.
06/09/2018	Correspondence	Launch of first statutory (Preferred Route) consultation	The project sent the Consultee a notification of launch letter (as a statutory consultee), in line with the Planning Act 2008. The Consultee sent two responses to the consultation – see Appendix A.
14/11/2018	Correspondence	Protective Provisions	The project sent Protective Provisions – part 1 for the protection of electricity, gas, water and sewage undertakers to the Consultee's Infrastructure Planning Engineer for comment.
28/01/2019	Correspondence	Protective Provisions	The Consultee's Solicitor (sent an email to confirm she will be representing the Consultee for Protective Provisions.



Date	Format	Topic	Discussion Points
01/02/2019	Correspondence	Protective Provisions	Esso Legal representative instructed to engage with Consultees Solicitor
22/03/2019	Correspondence	SoCG	Applicant emailed copy of draft SoCG to Consultee for review and comment.
01/04/2019	Correspondence	SoCG	Chased Consultee for SoCG comments. Consultees Solicitor responded they are seeking instruction from Client.

2.2 Engagement Following Submission of Application

2.2.1 The table below sets out the consultation and engagement that has been undertaken between the Parties since the submission of the DCO application.

Date	Format	Topic	Discussion Points
08/07/2019	Correspondence	Protective Provisions	The Consultee requested an agreement on different terms to the SLP standard Protective Provisions.
29/07/2019	Correspondence	Relevant Representation	The Consultee registered as an Interested Party with the Planning Inspectorate by making a Relevant Representation. Received Letter of Objection from Consultee.
22/08/2019	Correspondence	SoCG	Applicant issued revised draft SoCG to Consultee.
10/09/2019	Correspondence	SoCG	Applicant chased the Consultee for comments on SoCG.
04/10/2019	Correspondence	Protective Provisions	Applicant emailed Consultees Solicitor stating Applicant will produce a draft agreement for consideration.
16/10/2019	Correspondence	SoCG	Applicant chased the Consultee for comments on SoCG.
17/10/2019	Correspondence	SoCG	Consultee responded to confirm response will be returned to applicant following meeting with consultee legal.
18/10/2019	Correspondence	SoCG	Consultee issued updated SoCG with tracked changes for review by the Applicant.
30/10/2019	Correspondence	SoCG	Applicant issued updated SoCG for signature, addressing comments and incorporating Planning Inspectorates Rule 6 suggested topics to Consultee



3. Matters Agreed

3.1.1 The table below sets out the matters agreed in relation to different topics.

Examining Authority's suggested theme	Topic	Matter agreed	Reference



4. Matters Not Agreed

4.1.1 The table below sets out the matters **not** agreed in relation to different topics.

Topic	Matter not agreed	Reference



5. Matters Subject to On-going Discussion

5.1.1 The table below sets out the matters subject to ongoing discussion.

Examining Authority's suggested theme	Topic	Matter subject to ongoing discussion	Reference
Protective Provisions	Protective Provision	The Applicant has engaged with the Consultee on Protective Provisions and legal discussions are ongoing.	
Impact on existing apparatus	Asset Protection Agreement	The Consultee is working up an Asset Register of affected apparatus to form part of the Asset Protection Agreement.	



6. Relevant documents and drawings

6.1 List of relevant documents and drawings

6.1.1 The following is a list of documents and drawings upon which this SoCG is based.

Application Reference	Title	Content	Date



7. Appendix A.

7.1 Response to Preferred Route Consultation (1)

Subject: Esso - Southampton to London Replacement Pipeline Route Consultation

We have reviewed the available documents. Based on the information, our preferred options are:

1) Preferred Option G2b - This is because option G2a runs through our Chertsey Primary Substation. If the pipeline runs along the road, then the circuits from Chertsey could also potentially be affected. Hence, the preferred option is G2b.

2) Preferred Option H1b - This is because H1a runs close to the Laleham Grid Substation, hence H1b is preferable.

7.2 Response to Preferred Route Consultation (2)

Subject: Esso - Southampton to London Replacement Pipeline Route Consultation

We have reviewed the available documents. Based on the information, please note the following response:

One of your proposed routes passes MERLEWOOD secondary substation, the other passes CHERTSEY primary substation and CHERTSEY ROAD pmt. We will have HV earthing at all of these locations.

Our standards say-

1.1 Substations Located near Pipelines Substations, and the associated power cables and earthing system, should ideally be segregated from pipelines by a minimum of 50m in accordance with BS 50443:2011. If this is not possible it will be necessary to employ an earthing specialist to carry out a detailed earthing study to:

- Calculate the voltage rise on the pipeline closest to the substation.
- Plot the voltages contours around the substation to determine the worst case voltage difference.
- Calculate the current density around the substation and the resultant current 'collected' by the pipeline. These findings should be presented to the pipeline operator to allow them to decide if the voltage rise and collected current require any mitigation on their part.

Therefore we would need to contract a specialist earthing contractor to provide the data required above, this is chargeable work so the customer will need to make an application to The Gateway.

Also, all of these routes cross existing electricity cables so we would need to know that the new pipeline would not preclude us from working on or repairing our cables.

(Editor's note: see pdf provided separately, not entered into the database: maps/drawings)