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Annex A

Email Exchanges between OUGO and UKOOG – from 15 May 2014 to 26 June 2014

From: Ken Cronin [mailto:**REDACTION**@ukoog.org.uk]
Sent: 24 April 2014 19:02
To: **REDACTION** (Energy Development)
Subject: Wording

REDACTION

I have agreement to make a change to our community engagement charter, adding in a new paragraph alongside the paras on community benefits

The new para would read:

- **REDACTION.**

Regards
Ken

From: Ken Cronin [mailto:**REDACTION**@ukoog.org.uk]
Sent: 25 April 2014 08:52
To: **REDACTION** (Energy Development)
Subject: Re: Wording

REDACTION

Before putting the wording in like to discuss a couple of things we are meeting later

Ken

From: **REDACTION** (Energy Development)
Sent: 25 April 2014 09:39
To: Ken Cronin
Subject: RE: Wording

Ken,

Thanks for sending this through and I will hold off inserting the wording until we meet. Is it 1pm? My diary is reasonably flexible today.

Regards,

REDACTION

 tel **REDACTION**

From: REDACTION (Energy Development)
Sent: 29 April 2014 09:38
To: Ken Cronin
Subject: RE: Queries

Ken,

Thanks. As the wording makes clear under (1), the amount for a typical well might be REDACTION. I can pass this to Ministers but it does raise the risk that they will need time to consider further and clear with Cabinet colleagues, which in turn could preclude being able to announce a precise figure when launching the consultation.

If you are able to confirm this afternoon (a.m. your time) that this (along with the previous wording) is what your members wish to put forward I will update Ministers accordingly.

Regards,

REDACTION

 REDACTION

From: REDACTION (Energy Development)
Sent: 30 April 2014 16:28
To: Ken Cronin
Subject: Shale consultation update
Importance: High

Ken,

It is now looking highly unlikely that we will publish the consultation tomorrow – there are concerns that this is too close in practice to the local elections, regardless of whether the formal restrictions on announcements apply. Unless I hear otherwise, we would therefore expect instead to publish shortly after the elections, probably in the week commencing 26th May.

Therefore please stand down at your end and alert your members accordingly as relevant.

I will get back in touch before then to discuss the payment proposal, once Ministers have considered this, and to explore further the issue of payment being non-compulsory where access can be negotiated individually.

Regards,

REDACTION

From: Ken Cronin [<mailto:REDACTION@ukoog.org.uk>]
Sent: 30 April 2014 16:51
To: REDACTION (Energy Development)
Subject: Re: Shale consultation update

REDACTION

Obvious concern from our side on what this does for longer term timing if we delay further

Ken
Sent from my iPhone

From: REDACTION (Energy Development)
Sent: 30 April 2014 16:59
To: Ken Cronin
Subject: RE: Shale consultation update

Ken,

This has no impact on the longer term timing. Passage of any legislation in the coming session must be completed before the end of the session (there are no carryover options as this is the last session of Parliament). Therefore any postponements at this end of the process mean that other elements are reduced, the endpoint cannot be pushed back as legislation does not work that way. In practice given parliamentary recess dates this postponement will not have a significant impact on the date of introduction.
Regards,

REDACTION

 tel **REDACTION**

From: REDACTION (Energy Development) [[mailto: REDACTION @OP1.PSN360.FCOS.GSI.GOV.UK](mailto:REDACTION@OP1.PSN360.FCOS.GSI.GOV.UK)]
Sent: 20 May 2014 14:35
To: Ken Cronin
Cc: Figueira Duarte (Energy Development); REDACTION (Energy Development); REDACTION (Energy Development)
Subject: Underground Access - UKOOG payment offer

Ken,

As discussed I would be grateful if you could email UKOOG's voluntary payment and public notification offer. Unfortunately we are all transferring IT systems today and so it would be really useful if you could copy Duarte, REDACTION and REDACTION into this email to ensure that we receive this.

As mentioned it would be really useful to have the offer set out in writing promptly. If you would like to discuss further then please call me on REDACTION.

Many thanks,

REDACTION

From: Ken Cronin [[mailto: REDACTION @ukoog.org.uk](mailto:REDACTION@ukoog.org.uk)]
Sent: 20 May 2014 16:34
To: REDACTION (Energy Development)
Cc: Figueira Duarte (Energy Development); REDACTION (Energy Development); REDACTION (Energy Development)
Subject: RE: Underground Access - UKOOG payment offer

REDACTION

Our revised wording with respect to changes to our community engagement charter effectively adding a new paragraph alongside the paras on community benefits

The new para would read:

- Provide a benefit mechanism to local communities with respect to statutory right of land access at a rate of £20,000 per unique lateral drilled subject to a minimum distance exclusion of 200 metres . The exact payment mechanism will be discussed with local communities at the time of pre-consultation which will be informed by normal public notification. Where laterals vertically coincide payment will be made only once.

Regards

Ken

From: REDACTION (Energy Development)
Sent: 23 May 2014 12:20
To: Ken Cronin
Cc: Figueira Duarte (Energy Development); REDACTION (Energy Development); REDACTION (Energy Development)
Subject: RE: Underground Access - UKOOG payment offer

Thanks Ken.

As you can see from the consultation document (link below) Government supports this offer:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/underground-drilling-access>

Also, please see the summary of workshops we held on underground access in February and March, which were also published today:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/access-rights-workshop-presentation>

We also published the Weald study today:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/bgs-weald-basin-jurassic-shale-reports>

Regards,

REDACTION

From: Ken Cronin [mailto:REDACTION@ukoog.org.uk]
Sent: 02 June 2014 12:47
To: REDACTION (Energy Development)
Cc: REDACTION (Energy Development)
Subject: Re: Underground access - lines on voluntary scheme

First point re community foundations its a pilot

Ken

Sent from my iPad

From " **REDACTION** (Energy Development)" <REDACTION@decc.gsi.gov.uk>
Sent: 2 Jun 2014, at 12:34,
To: Ken Cronin
Cc: **REDACTION** (Energy Development)

Dear Ken,

I hope you are well. I wanted to get your views/confirmation on the lines below, which we are hoping to add to our Q&A. We expect to be asked how Government plans to monitor the voluntary payment scheme for access, and hoped we could use similar points to those mentioned in your community engagement charter.

Are you content with us using the text below (particularly the highlighted text)? It would also be helpful if we could use the same examples of community projects you mention on your website (also below).

How will Government ensure the industry voluntary scheme is fair/working?

- The shale gas and oil industry have agreed with the UK Community Foundations that it will distribute the access payments to recipients. A similar arrangement is being discussed between the deep geothermal industry and the Foundations.
- This experienced charity has been in operation in the UK for over 20 years, and works for communities through a UK-wide network of community foundations.
- Details of these payments will be available to communities and published on industry websites.
- Each year, operators will publish evidence detailing how the commitments within the access payment scheme are being met.
- DECC will periodically monitor this evidence to ensure that the scheme is working well.

Would you be happy for us to use the following examples of community initiatives?

UKCF has helped many communities across the country on behalf of a number of major corporations and sectors. Examples of previous community initiatives have included:

- The purchase and running of a local village shop;
- Reinstatement of a micro-hydroelectricity plant;
- Commissioning of a local apprenticeship scheme with local businesses;
- Management of a local nature reserve;
- Setting up of children's breakfast clubs.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

REDACTION

From: REDACTION(Energy Development)
Sent: 16 June 2014 14:00
To: REDACTION
Subject: RE: Financial assurance

Hi REDACTION

Yes, that's fine. Speak tomorrow. Please call me when you are available.

Many thanks,
REDACTION

From: REDACTION [mailto:REDACTION@ukoog.org]
Sent: 16 June 2014 12:03
To: REDACTION (Energy Development)
Subject: RE: Financial assurance

Hi REDACTION

Let's talk on the phone tomorrow at 3pm.

Best regards
REDACTION

From: REDACTION (Energy Development)
Sent: 16 June 2014 11:46
To: REDACTION
Subject: RE: Financial assurance

Dear REDACTION,

Many thanks for getting in touch with this update. I have just returned from holiday so apologies for a slow response. I am available over the phone tomorrow at 3pm, or we could meet in person later this week or next. Let me know which suits you best.

Kind regards,
REDACTION

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From: REDACTION [mailto:REDACTION@ukoog.org]
Sent: 05 June 2014 15:39
To: REDACTION(Energy Development)
Subject: Financial assurance

Dear REDACTION

It was good to meet you the other day. I wanted to let you know that we will be starting the piece of work with REDACTION to explore a captive that we discussed – I am meeting with REDACTION next Friday to kick things off.

It would be good to update you once I have had that meeting. Are you free week beginning 16th June? Anytime from 3pm on the 17th would work for me. Failing that, Monday 16th.

Kind regards
REDACTION

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United Kingdom Onshore Operators Group
REDACTION
REDACTION@ukoog.org

From: REDACTION [mailto:REDACTION@ukoog.org.uk]
Sent: 27 May 2014 10:27
To: REDACTION(Energy Development)
Subject: RE: UKOOG/OUGO meeting

Hi REDACTION,

That's excellent, thanks for the details below.

Attending will be Ken Cronin, REDACTION and REDACTION.

If you require any further information please do let me know.

REDACTION

From: REDACTION (Energy Development) [mailto:REDACTION@decc.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: 27 May 2014 10:25
To: REDACTION
Subject: RE: UKOOG/OUGO meeting

Hi REDACTION

I had a good weekend thanks. I hope you did too. We will host the meeting tomorrow. Please ask Ken and colleagues to come to 3 Whitehall Place and ask for me or Duarte at reception. Please can you let me have attendees full names so I can let reception know?

Many thanks,
REDACTION

From: REDACTION [mailto:REDACTION@ukoog.org.uk]
Sent: 27 May 2014 10:15
To: REDACTION (Energy Development)
Subject: RE: UKOOG/OUGO meeting

Good morning REDACTION,

I am writing to regarding the scheduled meeting tomorrow at 11:30.

Will the meeting be held at the DECC office?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Hope you had a nice long weekend.

REDACTION

From: REDACTION [mailto:REDACTION@ukoog.org.uk]
Sent: 20 May 2014 15:41
To: REDACTION (Energy Development)
Subject: RE: UKOOG/OUGO meeting

Hi REDACTION,

11:30 on the 28 May would be great. Thank you for sending the invitation.

Ken Cronin, REDACTION and REDACTION will be attending

Thank you for offering to host this meeting.

Kind regards,

REDACTION
UKOOG

From: REDACTION (Energy Development)
Sent: 20 May 2014 15:36
To: REDACTION
Subject: RE: UKOOG/UGO meeting

Dear REDACTION,

Please could we schedule the meeting for 11.30am on the 28th? I will look for a room here.

Many thanks,

REDACTION

From: REDACTION [<mailto:REDACTION@ukoog.org.uk>]
Sent: 19 May 2014 16:24
To: REDACTION (Energy Development)
Subject: RE: UKOOG/UGO meeting

Dear REDACTION,

That's no problem, happy to offer another date.

The only available time next week would be 11:30 on 28 May.

If this time is unsuitable I can offer availability further ahead into June.

Hope this helps.

Kind regards,

REDACTION
UKOOG

From: REDACTION (Energy Development)
Sent: 19 May 2014 15:53
To: REDACTION
Subject: RE: UKOOG/UGO meeting

Dear REDACTION,

I'm afraid I'm not available on the 30th but I am around most of the rest of the week. Unfortunately, due to our Department's IT upgrade I am unable to check other's diaries at the moment. Perhaps you could suggest another couple of potential times next week and as soon as I can access calendars I will confirm?

Kind regards,
REDACTION

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From: REDACTION [mailto:REDACTION@ukoog.org.uk]
Sent: 19 May 2014 10:53
To: REDACTION (Energy Development)
Subject: UKOOG/OUGO meeting

Dear REDACTION,

I am writing from UKOOG on behalf of Ken Cronin.

I understand that you would like to set up a meeting w/c 26 May to introduce new OUGO and UKOOG staff members.

May I propose the 30 May at 12pm as a potential date.

If this date is unsuitable please do let me know and I will be happy to look at alternative dates.

Kind regards,

REDACTION
UKOOG

From: Ken Cronin [mailto:REDACTION@ukoog.org.uk]
Sent: 16 May 2014 17:16
To: REDACTION (Energy Development)
Cc: REDACTION (Electricity Market Reform); Figueira Duarte (Energy Strategy Networks and Markets); REDACTION
Subject: RE: New team members of OUGO

REDACTION

Can you organise and include REDACTION and REDACTION

Regards

Ken

From: REDACTION (Energy Development) [mailto:REDACTION@decc.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: 16 May 2014 17:14
To: Ken Cronin
Cc: REDACTION (Energy Development); Figueira Duarte (Energy Development)
Subject: RE: New team members of OUGO

Dear Ken,

It would be good to meet you and the team. Are you available w/c 26th May?

Kind regards,

REDACTION

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From: Figueira Duarte (Energy Development) [<mailto:REDACTION@decc.gsi.gov.uk>]
Sent: 16 May 2014 16:51
To: Ken Cronin
Cc: REDACTION (Energy Development); REDACTION (Energy Development)
Subject: RE: New team members of OUGO

Ken

Absolutely. I will try to be there for the initial meeting and I think we will want someone from the Access side as well.

I am asking REDACTION to liaise.

Have a good w'end

Duarte

From: Ken Cronin [<mailto:REDACTION@ukoog.org.uk>]
Sent: 16 May 2014 16:38
To: Figueira Duarte (Energy Development)
Subject: RE: New team members of OUGO

Duarte

On this subject I would like to get a meeting together with my team and REDACTION to scope out the financial assurance issues so we can move this forward

Ken