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Dear Mr Moralee



Re: Knottingley Combined Cycle Gas Turbine Power Project – Statement of Community Consultation

Knottingley Power¹ is proposing to build, own and operate a new Combined Cycle Gas Turbine (CCGT) power station at a site near Knottingley. The new power station falls within Wakefield Metropolitan District Council's administrative boundary; the associated gas pipeline also passes through the administrative areas of Selby District Council and North Yorkshire County Council.

As the proposed power station will be capable of generating 1500MW it falls under the provisions of the Planning Act 2008 as amended by the Localism Act 2011. Under section 47 of the Planning Act 2008 we are required to produce a Statement of Community Consultation (SOCC).

Section 47 further requires Knottingley Power to consult with the relevant local authorities as to the contents of the SOCC. In this instance the local authorities are Wakefield Metropolitan District Council, North Yorkshire County Council and Selby District Council.

Whilst not formally required under the Act we are asking neighboring local authorities to provide any comments, suggestions or recommendations they may have on the SOCC and Consultation Strategy.

Under Section 47 local authorities have 28 days to provide comment under the formal consultation process. We would therefore very much welcome any comments you have on or before the 13th of April 2012

In line with the Infrastructure Planning Commission (IPC) Guidance Note 1 on Pre-Application Stages (Revision 2, August 2011) the SOCC is a concise document to suit local newspaper publishing requirements. Whilst the SOCC provides sufficient information on the project and its impact on the community, to encourage constructive community participation in the consultation process, we have also drafted a separate Consultation Strategy which we have also attached.

¹ Knottingley Power Ltd. is a new company that has been created for the purpose of building, owning and operating a CCGT power station in Knottingley. Knottingley Power is a wholly owned subsidiary of Electricity Supply Board (ESB) group

As we develop our proposals for a new power station in Knottingley will we undertake further consultation with local communities and statutory consultees. Under section 42 of the Act we will be contacting you again in future to discuss our proposals for the project.

Should you wish to discuss any aspect of the above we would be pleased if you could contact the undersigned.

Yours Sincerely,

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