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Dear Dr Platzer-Schneider

PROPOSED HINKLEY POINT C NUCLEAR POWER STATION, SOMERSET, UNITED KINGDOM

Thank you for your letter of 19 October 2012 regarding the application for consent to construct the Hinkley Point C nuclear power station.

As requested I enclose a "memory stick" containing all the application documents, including the Environmental Statement, as submitted by NNB Genco as part of the Hinkley Point C application in October 2011. The memory stick also contains post-submission changes, such as errata to the documents submitted in the application. There are further documents that should be read alongside those documents which are available, along with all other documentation, on the Hinkley Point C project website at <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/South%20West/Hinkley-Point-C-New-Nuclear-Power-Station/>.

You also ask about public participation in relation to this project. In that connection I would refer you to the report prepared by the applicant on consultation matters, which is available at <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/projects/EN010001/2.%20Post-Submission/Application%20Documents/Reports/3.1%20-%20Consultation%20Report/3.1%20-%20Consultation%20Report.pdf>. In addition to the applicant's consultation, just short of 1,200 representations were made to the Examining Authority (Planning Inspectorate) and 13 hearings were held.

I would also draw your attention to the European Commission's views on the project in accordance with Article 43 Euratom of 12th July 2012 and the applicant's notification to the Commission for the purposes of those views (available at http://hinkleypoint.edfenergyconsultation.info/websitefiles/Article_41_Notification_for_Hinkley_Point_C_concatenated.pdf http://hinkleypoint.edfenergyconsultation.info/websitefiles/120712_COM_Opinion_Hinkley_Point.pdf).

Under the Planning Act, we expect to be reaching a decision on development consent in relation to the Hinkley Point C project within three months of receiving a report from the Planning Inspectorate on EDF's application on or before 21 December 2012. I would be

grateful if you could bear that timetable in mind in directing any comments Austria wishes to make, direct to me at the above address or electronically via my email address below. We shall, of course, read them with great care.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Giles Scott', written in a cursive style.

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