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Dear Richard

Hinkley Point C – 2008 Planning Act s.42, s.47, s.48 and EIA notification.

Thank you for your letter of 8th July regarding the above.

As you have stated, EDF has already notified the Commission under s.46, however, thank you for keeping us up to date with your 2nd round of s.42 consultation.

The Commission notes that you have publicised your revised Statement of Community Consultation to take account of changes that have been made arising out of the responses to your stage 1 consultation.

Thank you for sending us a copy of your s.48 publicity notice. We note your updated and refined description of the Hinkley C project, including the defined scope of associated development that is referred to in the s.48 notice.

The Commission also notes your request under Regulation 6(1)(a) of the Infrastructure Planning (EIA) Regulations 2009 (the EIA Regs), which is contained in your letter. This regulation relates to the procedure for establishing whether an environmental impact assessment is required and requests the Commission to adopt a screening opinion. EDF are aware that the proposed development requires an environmental impact assessment and have already supplied the Commission with a scoping report (EDF letter dated 2 February 2010) and applied for a scoping opinion under Regulation 8 of the EIA Regs as to the information to be provided in the environmental statement. The Commission issued its scoping opinion to EDF in April this year. The Commission assumes that it was not the intention of EDF to request a screening opinion and that the letter related to formal notification under Regulation 6(1) (b), but would be grateful for confirmation that this is the correct interpretation.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely

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