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Dear Toby,

National Grid Company's Interest in Lattice Energy Services

We are pleased to have the opportunity to respond to this consultation document.

EDF Energy supports the principle of separation between the operator of the electricity transmission system and its customers and we are keen that National Grid Transco should dispose of all of its generating interests as soon as possible.

However, in the circumstances, we do not object to the extension of the consent for the remaining generating plant until October 2004 to allow time for the resolution of any outstanding technical issues and for the orderly disposal of the Cleveland CHP plant. We consider a year's extension to be sufficient time for this to take place and would not therefore support any further extensions to the consent.

If you have any queries regarding this response please do not hesitate to contact Rupert Judson on 0207 752 2526 or myself on 020 7752 2200.

Yours sincerely

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