

Scottish Power's acquisition of Damhead Creek Power Station 132/04

On 2 June Scottish Power acquired the 800MW CCGT Damhead Creek power plant and associated contracts including a long-term gas supply agreement from the creditor banks. As a result, Scottish Power's generating capacity in Great Britain is now around 5,800MW¹.

Damhead Creek power station is a natural gas-fired plant located Southern England, where ScottishPower currently owns two other CCGT stations. ScottishPower also has other significant other gas and electricity interests in Great Britain; primarily the supply of gas and electricity to around 4.25 million customers².

The acquisition is subject to the merger control provisions of the Enterprise Act 2002, and, in accordance with the Concordat between Ofgem and the Office of Fair Trading (OFT), Ofgem will advise the OFT on whether the proposed acquisition could give rise to competition concerns.

Ofgem will take into account information and views from interested parties in preparing its advice, and will forward any submissions to the Office of Fair Trading (interested parties may also contact the Office of Fair Trading directly). Submissions should be sent to Pamela Taylor (pamela.taylor@ofgem.gov.uk) and must be received **by 5pm on Friday 18 June**. Submissions will be placed on Ofgem's website (www.ofgem.gov.uk) unless respondents request otherwise.

¹ Data from www.scottishpower.com

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