

## **Scottish and Southern Energy plc's acquisition of Ferrybridge and Fiddler's Ferry power stations**

Today, 30 July 2004, Scottish and Southern Energy plc (SSE) announced its agreement to acquire from AEP Energy Services UL Ltd the Ferrybridge and Fiddler's Ferry power stations as well as associated coal stock (1.6 m tonnes) and contracts to supply fuel to power stations.

Ferrybridge and Fiddler's Ferry are coal fired power stations with around 2,000 MW in capacity each, located in West Yorkshire and Cheshire respectively. SSE's existing generation portfolio includes 4,300 MW of gas fired power and 1,400MW of renewable capacity. As a result of this acquisition SSE's will own almost 10,000MW of generation capacity which makes it the third largest generator in Great Britain.

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](mailto:pamela.taylor@ofgem.gov.uk)) and must be received **by 5pm on Tuesday 10 August 2004**. Submissions will be placed on Ofgem's website ([www.ofgem.gov.uk](http://www.ofgem.gov.uk)) unless respondents request otherwise.