

Dear Project Discovery Team,

OFGEM Consultatton Document Ref 122/09 Overview : Paragraph 3 states:-

***Retirements of older nuclear plant and closures of coal and oil plant by the end of 2015 under European environmental legislation could pose a threat to security of supply. Increasing gas import dependency could be exacerbated by growth in gas-fired power generation. Significant changes in the way in which we generate and consume power may be needed to manage the variability associated with increasing reliance on wind power.***

1. I submit that OFGEM as Regulator of Great Britain electricity should, on behalf of GB consumers, be taking very urgent, high priority steps to advise the Prime Minister and Cabinet that agreement **must be obtained now from the EU** for contingency waiver at UK government discretion of the above plant closures **until enough newbuild nuclear power is on stream**, plus a suitable additional plant margin to prevent the UK population having to undergo probably years of serious electricity shortfall. In time of war this prospect would not be tolerated. Indeed the situation could so weaken the UK from the political, social, industrial and military point of view that we would be vulnerable to dissident forces both within the UK and from other countries.

2. I submit that if in addition to the above : "***Significant changes in the way in which we generate and consume power may be needed to manage the variability associated with increasing reliance on wind power.***" the whole UK population is entitled to ask why the present government is aggravating this threat by accelerating the installation of windpower both on land and at sea, simultaneously connecting it all with high voltage cabling of all kinds and at prohibitive cost we electricity consumers cannot afford. (I write also as a 93 year old pensioner). "Significant changes in the way in which generate power " must centre on rapid construction of sufficient nuclear power stations.

3 . I submit that the UK can not contribute to saving the world from climate change if in so doing it destroys itself. **Is this not self evident?**

With regards

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