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Your ref:  
Our ref: CEO PM

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Dear Mr Matthews,

### **Local Government and Magnox**

Thank you for your letter of 24 September and my apologies for the delay in replying. I am aware of and recognise the work NuLeAF does, bringing together the views of the local authorities in England and Wales hosting Magnox sites. This is of importance to us and we are grateful for the positive role you play on behalf of a key stakeholder. With regard to the areas you suggest for future work I would respond as follows:

#### **Engagement by Magnox with local authorities**

We are committed to continuing and where necessary enhancing engagement with your member authorities at the earliest possible stage in our work on the basis of no surprises.

#### **Accelerated decommissioning of Magnox sites**

You are right to highlight this as a move away from fleet-wide Care & Maintenance and a strategic change to our decommissioning programme. As a new exec team we are engaging with NDA to develop detailed plans to implement this change of direction. It will take many months to complete the preparatory work necessary to agree a site by site implementation programme with underpinned budgets detailed timelines.

We recognise that engagement with stakeholders and our communities is crucially important and are committed to sharing our proposals with you at the earliest opportunity and ensuring that dialogue continues throughout the programme.

#### **Developing a more joined up approach to work at the local level**

Having worked for EDF for many years and before that for the predecessor of Magnox Ltd, perhaps I am in a better position to help facilitate a more joined up approach. We do have good relations with our colleagues on B and C sites and local management meet regularly.

**Socio-economics and skills**

The NDA Socio-economic strategy will be published shortly and will provide a more joined up approach in considering applications for funding. I am confident this will make for more optimal decision-making, delivering outcomes more favourable to the communities around our sites.

I understand that Bill Hamilton is attending your next committee meeting and he will expand on the themes above. I'm sure he will return with further questions for our consideration.

I hope to meet you at a stakeholder event in due course.

Yours sincerely

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