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Dear Mr Lockett

As you know, in May my predecessor wrote to National Grid Electricity System Operator to request they work with the operators of Great Britain's three remaining coal plants with the aim of securing their continued availability over the coming winter. Following Russia's criminal invasion in Ukraine, it is prudent for government to explore all possible options to bolster security of supply in an unprecedented situation.

This month, National Grid Electricity System Operator have concluded an agreement with Uniper to temporarily extend the operation of your coal fired units, for the purpose of reinforcing our nation's energy security over the coming winter.

On behalf of His Majesty's Government, I am writing to express my sincere gratitude to all involved at Uniper for your engagement and co-operation throughout this process, which has facilitated the timely agreement of a contract with the Electricity System Operator at the request of Government.

I recognise that the decision to extend the operation of your coal unit was complex and posed considerable challenges for Uniper. Especially given that you also had to quickly respond this year to phase out Russian coal. I hope that you will take pride in knowing that you are playing your part in reinforcing our country's energy security this winter.

I would like to ask that Uniper considers keeping the unit available to further bolster security of supply for winter 2023/24 through the existing market channels, namely by participating in the upcoming Capacity Market year ahead auction for the 2023/24 delivery year.

In particular, I would like to thank the staff on the ground at Ratcliffe-on-Soar, who are remaining on to operate the fourth unit. I appreciate the uncertainty this has created for them, and I applaud their commitment.

I understand that following the closure of your coal units at the end of September 2024, you plan to redevelop the site, with an aim to promote sustainable regional growth and create highly skilled jobs. I welcome the enthusiasm on this, including your work to date with stakeholders across the East Midlands.

With every good wish,