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This updated statement has been agreed and will now be used in response to media requests we receive.

Regards

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EDF Energy is continuing to co-operate closely with Nottinghamshire Police in responding to today's protest at the company's West Burton CCGT (Combined Cycle Gas Turbine) power station. We join the Police in calling for protesters to bring their action to a peaceful conclusion swiftly and safely.

Security has been increased following this planned and deliberate act of trespass.

The West Burton CCGT power station is in a commissioning phase at the moment with the first unit expected to be fully operational by the end of the year.

We support the right to peaceful protest. However, any unlawful action is of serious concern and puts at risk the safety of the individuals involved. Our site management and security teams have taken the appropriate action in protecting the safety of the public, personnel and plant, as well as the protesters themselves.

At the time of the trespass at around 2am this morning, Unit 2 was generating 280MW to grid through the course of commissioning tests, which was immediately shut down to protect protesters who had placed themselves in potential harm.

The other two units are in the process of being commissioned and remain non-operational as yet. Generation at the adjacent coal station is unaffected.

On sustainability, EDF Energy is committed to a low carbon future through new generation and increased energy efficiency. As part of our Sustainability Commitments, we aim to reduce the carbon intensity of our generation by 60% by 2020 from a 2006 base. Alongside our new gas plant at West Burton playing a contribution to the country's balanced energy mix, new nuclear and renewables are major elements in our future generation investment plans. EDF Energy has plans to build up to four new nuclear plants in the UK which could provide low carbon electricity for up to 40% of Britain's households. EDF Energy is also the country's largest generator of low carbon electricity through its existing nuclear and renewables fleet.

On affordability, EDF Energy has a strong track record for consistently offering our customers highly competitive deals. We were the first major supplier to announce a price cut earlier this year and our customers have benefited from the lowest standard variable dual fuel prices amongst the major suppliers for 50 out of the last 52 weeks. Our new standard variable prices will still be cheaper on average for the typical customer than all our major competitors' which have announced price rises in recent weeks.

On profits and investment, our earnings before tax, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) was £1.6bn last year. Over £1bn was invested in our generation fleet, new generation capacity, gas storage and our

customer supply business; and the remaining £600m went to pay our income tax, interest on our debt, the deficit repair payment on our pension schemes and other similar commitments.

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