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Dear

Thank you for your e-mail of 4 May in which you made a request for information to the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The terms of your request for information are:

...I request copies of any correspondence between any representative of EDF Energy and energy minister Charles Hendry with the subject line containing the word 'nuclear' between 01 November and 01 May 2012...

I am writing to confirm that the Department has now completed its search for the information which you requested and copies of this information are enclosed with this letter.

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Yours sincerely,

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