

## PREAMBLE

**EDF Group (EDF) is one of the world's largest energy companies and safely operates the world's largest fleet of nuclear power plants. Over the last 30 years, EDF has built up an unparalleled nuclear generation capacity in France with 58 operational reactors, with a further new plant currently under construction in Normandy. In January 2009, EDF acquired British Energy plc (British Energy) which operates a further 15 nuclear reactor units on seven sites in the UK.**

EDF has a strong safety record of operating nuclear power plants and safety is at the heart of its design and operating procedures. Through its acquisition of British Energy, EDF has also been able to combine its design and operational expertise with an organisation which has excellent knowledge and experience of operating nuclear power plants safely and efficiently in the UK. This has created a strong basis for future nuclear development.

EDF's subsidiary in the UK, EDF Energy has stated publicly that it intends to invest in a new generation of nuclear plants in the UK, with the aim of constructing up to four reactor units; the first to be operational by the end of 2017.

EDF Energy believes that the challenges of climate change and security of energy supply must be met by greater energy efficiency as well as a diverse mix of generating technologies including low carbon nuclear power, together with renewables, gas and clean coal.

NNB Generation Company Limited (Company number 06937084), part of EDF Energy, is the Company that will lead the new nuclear programme in the UK. For the purpose of this consultation, NNB Generation Company Limited is referred to as EDF Energy.

### Document Purpose

The purpose of this document (Consultation on Initial Proposals and Options – November 2009) is to launch EDF Energy's pre-application consultation on proposals for a new nuclear power station at Hinkley Point in Somerset, known as Hinkley Point C. This document contains development information on the nuclear power station together with details of facilities required off-site and is accompanied by an Environmental Status Report for the whole project. This document forms part of a first stage consultation which will run from 16 November 2009 to 11 January 2010 and will be followed by a more detailed second stage consultation from mid-March 2010 to early May 2010.

Following the conclusion of the two stages of consultation, EDF Energy expects to make a full planning submission for its development proposals on and off-site at Hinkley Point in July 2010.

### How to Respond to the Consultation

This Stage 1 consultation is directed towards statutory consultees and other interested parties, however, EDF Energy invites comments from all those with an interest in the development.

- Responses to this consultation can be emailed to:  
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- Alternatively hard copies can be sent to:  
FREEPOST Consultation Response
- Or the EDF Energy Project Office is open to the public to visit at:  
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- A freephone number is available on: 0800 169 6507
- Further information is also available online at [www.edfconsultation.info](http://www.edfconsultation.info)

Consultation comments must be received by 11 January 2010.

