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Dear Madam

Southern Electric plc and subsidiaries

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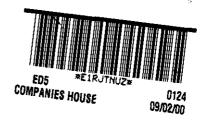
As requested, we hereby submit our resignation as auditors of Southern Electric plc and subsidiaries as listed in the attached appendix with immediate effect.

In accordance with Section 394 of the Companies Act 1985, we confirm that there are no circumstances connected with our ceasing to hold office that we consider should be brought to the attention of the company's members or creditors.

Yours faithfully

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Appendix 1

- Southern Electric Power Generation Limited

Southern Electric Power Generation (Operations) Limited

Southern Electric Contracting Limited

Thermal Transfer (Holdings) Limited

Thermal Transfer (Scotland) Limited

Thermal Transfer (Northern) Limited

Thermal Transfer (Southern) Limited

M P Burke plc

Southern Electric Gas Limited

Southern Electric Pipelines Limited

Westacott Limited

Sabre Power Limited

Southern Electric Insurance Limited