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## NuGen welcomes the publication of the National Policy Statement on Nuclear

NuGen today welcomed the publication of the National Policy Statement (NPS) on Nuclear, which confirmed the suitability of the site in West Cumbria on which NuGen plans to build up to 3.6GW of nuclear capacity.

Olivier Carret, Chief Operating Director of NuGen said: “The publication of the NPS is a further step forward for the UK as it progresses plans to build new nuclear generating capacity to meet future energy demands and we are pleased that the Government has confirmed the selection of our site.

“We are currently in the planning stages of the project and expect to make a final investment decision in 2015. Our plans will be prepared in full consultation with the safety authorities and local stakeholders and we expect that any new power station would be commissioned around 2023.

“We are looking forward to continuing to work with the people of Cumbria and beyond as our project progresses.”

A draft NPS was published in October 2010 and was followed by a period of consultation undertaken by Government. The NPS was laid before Parliament on 23 June 2011 and confirms the suitability of eight sites for new nuclear build including the proposed NuGen site. The next stage will see them debated and voted on in Parliament.

### **Notes to Editors:**

More information on the NPS can be found at:

[http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/news/pn2011\\_053/pn2011\\_053.aspx](http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/news/pn2011_053/pn2011_053.aspx)

<http://www.niauk.org/News-Stories/Nuclear-Industry-welcomes-clear-Government-energy-framework.html>

NuGen is a consortium of GDF SUEZ, IBERDROLA and Scottish and Southern Energy plc (“SSE”).

NuGen aims to develop a new generation nuclear power station of up to 3.6 GW on land in West Cumbria, north-west England, for which it secured an option in October 2009.

NuGen is a strong partnership with extensive experience of operating nuclear power stations across Europe, as well as developing and operating thermal and renewable power stations in the UK. The consortium partners own and operate almost 10,000 MW of nuclear capacity across Spain, Belgium, Germany and France, and have more than 250,000 employees worldwide, with almost 40,000 employees in the UK.