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Dear Ms. Barton, Dear Mr. Neal,

Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by the United Kingdom with provisions of the Convention in connection with access to information held by privatized water companies (Ref. ACCC/C/2010/55)

At its thirty-fourth meeting (20-23 September 2011), the Committee considered the progress on the above-referenced communication. In the view of the fact that the case currently pending before the Upper Tribunal would be heard in September or October 2011, the Committee agreed that it would be premature to decide when to discuss the communication at this stage.

You are kindly asked to keep the Committee informed of the outcome of the case before the Upper Tribunal.

Yours sincerely,

Fiona Marshall
Acting Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

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