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> Dear Ms. Anning, 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-fifth meeting (13-16 December 2011), the Compliance Committee considered the progress on the above-referenced communication. In the view of the fact that the case currently pending before the Upper Tribunal was scheduled to be heard on 10 and 11 January 2012, 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

cc: Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

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