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The Company Secretary Avon Energy Partners Holdings Whittington Hall Whittington Worcester WR5 2RB Arthur Andersen

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Dear Sirs,

As requested, we hereby submit our resignation as auditors of the following companies with immediate effect.

Avon Energy Partners Holdings

Avon Energy Partners plc

Midlands Electricity plc

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Midlands Power International Ltd

Midlands Power UK Ltd

Midlands Power (TPL) Ltd

Midlands Power (HPL) Ltd

Midlands Power (Europe) Ltd

Midlands Generation (Overseas) Ltd

Midlands Power (Uch) Ltd

Midlands Power Services Ltd

Aquila Power Investments Limited

Midlands Energy Ltd

Midlands Sales Ltd

Sisyphus Quebec Ltd

Energy Services (UK) Ltd

MEB Leasing (December) Ltd

MEB Leasing (March) Ltd

MEB Leasing (September) Ltd

Geographical Mapping Services Ltd

Aquila Network Services Limited

Aquila Networks plc

MEB Limited

Midlands Electricity (Share Scheme Trustees) Ltd

Midlands Electricitry Group plc

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Offices in: London Birminghar Bristol Cambridge Edinburgh Glasgow Leeds Manchester Newcastle Reading St Heller A list of partners is available at 180 Strand London WC2R 1BL (orincipal place of business) 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 sincerely,

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Arthur Andersen