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13 December 1982

The Rt Hon Patrick Jenkin MP  
Secretary of State for Industry  
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Dear Patrick

PROGRAMME FOR DISCUSSION OF CORPORATE PLANS: 1983

We have agreed in the past that it is desirable that E(NI) should consider the corporate plans of all the major nationalised industries. But since the number of E(NI) meetings must inevitably be limited, and as we have to consider the plans over a relatively short period, it is necessary to arrange and adhere to a strict timetable for consideration of individual industries' plans. My officials have prepared the enclosed programme in conjunction with the Cabinet Office and it has been agreed among officials at NIP. Those nationalised industries which do not appear in the programme are expected either to be the subject of separate collective Ministerial discussion; or to have plans which can be cleared in correspondence. I should be grateful if all members of E(NI) could confirm that these arrangements are acceptable to them.

I am copying this letter to our E(NI) colleagues, to Sir Robert Armstrong, and to John Sparrow.

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E(NI) 1983: PROGRAMME FOR CONSIDERATION OF NATIONALISED  
INDUSTRIES CORPORATE PLANS

<u>INDUSTRY</u>	<u>E(NI) DISCUSSION</u>
Electricity (England and Wales)	Feb-March
Electricity (Scotland)	Feb-March
British Waterways Board	March-April
Post Office	May
British Telecom	June
NBC )	
STG )	June
BGC	July
British Shipbuilders	July
Water Authorities	Sept-October

NOTE:

NCB, BSC, BA and BR are expected to be subject of separate collective Ministerial discussion not necessarily linked to the planning cycle. Other industries can be dealt with in correspondence.



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31 December 1982

*Dear John,*

PROGRAMME FOR DISCUSSION OF CORPORATE PLANS: 1983

I have shown the Chancellor of the Exchequer your letter to John Kerr of 21 December in which you give warning that March, rather than February, is a more realistic time for discussing the Corporate Planning document for the electricity supply industry (England and Wales).

The Chancellor is quite content with this. He also hopes that the Committee can consider at the same meeting a paper by the Secretary of State for Scotland on the two Scottish Electricity Boards. He understands that the Scottish Office are well advanced in drafting a performance review, which could provide the basis for a review of prospects of those two Boards. I should be grateful if Muir Russell could note this.

The Chancellor has also seen that your Department will seek to ensure that the June/July deadline is met for the discussion of BGC's net Corporate Plan. He thinks it important that the discussion does not slip beyond July. If it were delayed, it would take place after Ministers began to consider the Corporation's IFR position. This would be a pity.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to other members of E(NI), to Richard Hatfield and to Gerry Spence.

*Yours sincerely,*

*Margaret O'Mara*

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Dear Geoffrey,

PROGRAMME FOR DISCUSSION OF CORPORATE PLANS : 1983

Thank you for your letter of 13 December, which enclosed the above Programme. I confirm that these arrangements are acceptable to me.

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Yours  
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21 December 1982

Dear John,

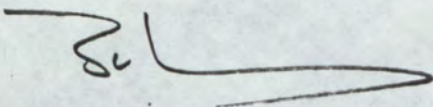
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The programme of E(NI) discussions attached to the Chancellor's letter of 13 December included February-March for Electricity (England and Wales). The electricity industry is having to alter its planning cycle in order to produce a corporate planning document early in 1983, and we believe March to be a more realistic prospect than February.

Following E(NI) on 7 December, the Department is committed to improving the quality of BGC's next corporate plan. This will entail a good deal of extra work, but we shall seek to ensure that the July deadline is met.

I am copying this letter to the private secretaries to members of E(NI), to Richard Hatfield and to Gerry Spence.

Yours ever,



J D WEST  
Private Secretary



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