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Dear Sir

**AFFIRMATION THAT RECORD REQUESTED DOES NOT EXIST (PROMOTION OF ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT NO 2 OF 2000, SECTION 23) – KENDAL COMPLIANCE QUERY**

In respect of the above PAIA request I confirm the following:

1. Your query point II – maintenance plan for Kendal - I confirm that Eskom has to date not submitted a maintenance plan to the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries in respect of this matter. Eskom is however continuing with maintenance at the station and has prepared the required maintenance plan which is being reviewed by independent specialists.
2. Your query IV - decommissioning information – I confirm that in Asset Management it is an accepted principle that the life of an asset is not a function of age, but that of the economics of continued operation. However, to produce long-term asset management plans, Eskom uses an age-based life expectancy, which is then adjusted by the economics in the short-term.

For long-term planning purposes, Eskom uses an age-based life expectancy of 50 years for a coal unit. However, at the appropriate time, Eskom undertakes a study to determine whether it is technically, environmentally and economically viable to extend the life beyond 50 years. Due to present capacity constraints and in order to allow opportunity for other stations to undertake maintenance it has been decided to continue with the operations of Grootvlei, Camden, Hendrina with station shut down occurring by 2030, investigations in respect of this are underway.

The present decommissioning schedule based on the above and shared is provided in Table 1 below.

In light of the above there are no decommissioning assessments or plans available to be provided in terms of this PAIA request.

Yours sincerely



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**GROUP EXECUTIVE: GENERATION**

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**TABLE 1 STATION AND UNIT DECOMMISSIONING DATES**

	U1	U2	U3	U4	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10
Arnot	2021	2026	2026	2027	2029	2029				
Camden	Under revision before 2030									
Duvha	2031	2031	2032	2033	2033	2034				
Grootvlei	Under revision before 2030									
Hendrina	Under revision before 2030									
Kendal	2039	2041	2042	2042	2043	2044				
Kriel	2026	2027	2028	2029	2029	2030				
Komati	2028	2027	2029	2027	2027	2027	2026	2024	2024	
Kusile	2069									
Lethabo	2036	2037	2037	2038	2040	2041				
Majuba	2046	2047	2048	2049	2050	2051				
Matimba	2038	2038	2039	2040	2041	2042				
Matla	2030	2031	2031	2032	2033	2034				
Medupi		2069	2068	2067	2067	2065				
Tutuka	2035	2036	2037	2037	2039	2041				