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Dear John,

PAY OF ESI CLERICALS

The Electricity Council have reported that on 17 May they concluded a pay settlement with their clerical, professional and administrative grades. The settlement is subject to ratification by NALGO but I understand that ratification is a formality and is expected on 7 June.

The settlement provides for an increase in clerical grades' salaries ranging from 3.5% at the bottom to 5.8% at the top. The Council have therefore secured lower increases for the more junior staff, in line with market considerations. The professional and administrative grades will receive 5.8%. The overall package represents an increase in average earnings of 5.6%, which is less than that for the industry's other three negotiating groups (5.7% for the manual and 5.8% for the engineers and managers).

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to the Prime Minister, members of E Committee and the Secretary of State for Scotland, as well as to Richard Hatfield and Gerry Spence.

Yours ever

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Private Secretary

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