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Dear Bill,

I am writing to inform you that, following my Oral Statement to the House on the 10<sup>th</sup> February regarding biomass support, I have sent a letter to Jonathan Brearley, Ofgem CEO.

The purpose of the letter was to set out my Department's view of the next steps needed for Ofgem, to build public confidence in Drax's compliance with sustainability requirements.

In that letter, I requested Ofgem provide a public statement on its investigation into Drax, to provide further insight on the nature of the investigation and Ofgem's conclusions. In particular, to explain how the KPMG reports were considered in the investigation.

Further, I welcomed the full, independent audit that Ofgem has asked Drax to carry out and asked for Ofgem to provide my officials with regular updates on the progress of the work, and to consider making further details available to the public.

A copy of my letter to Ofgem has been placed into the Libraries of the House.

Best wishes,

**Michael Shanks MP**  
Minister for Energy