

## **Press Release - 20 August 2008**

### **SSE RESPONSE TO COMPETITION COMMISSION REPORT ON BAA**

SSE has long argued for a break-up of BAA and is therefore delighted by today's 'Provisional Findings' report from the Competition Commission concluding that BAA must sell two of its three London airports. We consider it inconceivable that BAA would willingly sell Heathrow which means that Stansted and Gatwick must both be sold.

This will not in itself remove the threat of a second runway at Stansted but we believe it moves us a step closer to the day when this idea will be abandoned. We look forward to working with the new owners of Stansted towards achieving this objective.

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