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Negotiations for Wylfa project announced

The British government has entered into negotiations with Japanese company Hitachi regarding the proposed Wylfa Newydd nuclear power plant project, according to a June 4 statement presented to parliament by Greg Clark, secretary of state for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy. Based at Anglesey in North Wales, the Wylfa project is the next of several proposed new-build projects in the pipeline following EDF Energy's Hinkley Point C nuclear power plant in Somerset.



Photo: U.K. Parliament

Clark

"In 2016, we agreed to support the first new nuclear power station in a generation," Clark said. "As I said at the time the contract for Hinkley Point C was agreed, the government expects future nu-



Photo: Horizon Nuclear Power

Wylfa: An artist's rendering of the proposed nuclear power plant project

clear projects to provide lower-cost electricity than Hinkley Point C."

The Wylfa project developer, Hitachi-owned Horizon Nuclear Power, has developed proposals to build two advanced boiling water reactors with a combined capacity of 2.9 GW. Last December, Britain's nuclear regulators completed the generic design assessment process for the Hitachi-GE-designed UK ABWR, confirming that the design is suitable for construction in Britain (*NN*, Jan. 2018, p. 59). Clark also noted that the ABWR design has been deployed on time and on budget in Japan, and that

Horizon Nuclear has submitted its application for project development consent to the United Kingdom's Planning Inspectorate.

A key focus of discussions with Hitachi, Clark stressed, will be to achieve lower-cost electricity for consumers. The government is looking at various financing options, different from the Hinkley Point C model. "For this project, the government will be considering direct investment alongside Hitachi, Japanese government agencies, and other parties," Clark noted. "Our partnership on this project will serve as a further example of civil nuclear collab-



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