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Please find following a Stock Exchange Announcement recently released.

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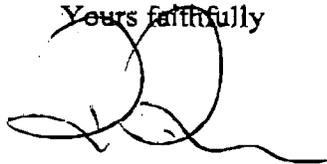
Centrica plc

Fidelity Investments Section 198 Announcement

The enclosed document is to be furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on behalf of Centrica plc (the "Company") pursuant to the exemption from the Securities Exchange Act 1934 (the "Act") afforded by Rule 12g 3-2 (b) thereunder.

This information is being furnished under paragraph (1) of Rule 12g 3-2 (b) with the understanding that such information and documents will not be deemed to be "filed" with the SEC or otherwise subject to the liabilities of Section 18 of the Act and that neither this letter nor the furnishing of such information and documents shall constitute an admission for any purpose that the Company is subject to the Act.

Yours faithfully



For and on behalf of
Centrica plc

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FROM-CENTRICA Plc SECRETARIAT

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17 December 2003

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Centrica plc received on 17 December 2003 a notification dated 11 December 2003 stating that the holding of Fidelity Investments and its subsidiaries in Centrica plc constituted a notifiable interest for the purposes of section 198 of the Companies Act 1985.

SCHEDULE 10

NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES

1. Name of company

Centrica plc

2. Name of shareholder having a major interest

Fidelity Investments

3. Please state whether notification indicates that it is in respect of holding of the shareholder named in 2 above or in respect of a non-beneficial interest or in the case of an individual holder if it is a holding of that person's spouse or children under the age of 18.

See schedule in 4 below

4. Name of the registered holder(s) and, if more than one holder, the number of shares held by each of them

State Street Nominees Limited	1,971,300
State Street Bank & Trust Company	1,895,900
Chase Nominees Limited	17,460,300
State Street Bank & Trust	663,709
State Street Nominees Ltd	400,519
HSBC	1,540,800
Northern Trust	274,100
Bank of New York	273,100
Nortrust Nominees	295,800
Bank of New York	525,600
Morgan Stanley Trust Co. Nominees Limited Bank	2,600
Chase Manhattan Bank London	27,799,098
Chase Nominees Ltd	6,229,900
Mellon Bank	584,088
Citibank	931,760
HSBC	1,622,200
Bank of New York London	640,900
Chase Nominees Ltd	2,518,400
Northern Trust	560,500
Chase Nominees Ltd	3,255,474
Bank of New York London	16,479,897
HSBC	2,167,885
Chase Manhattan Bank London	8,839,848
Deutsche Bank	4,305,396
Northern Trust	7,265,147
JP Morgan	6,527,265

Citibank	81,025
Mellon Nominees Ltd	224,900
State Street Nominees Ltd	2,137,600
Nortrust Nominees Ltd	3,822,242
Morgan Stanley	1,770,900
National Australia Bank	38,000
Bank of New York Brussels	1,812,986
PICG	19,675
State Street Bank & Trust	2,750,215
Chase Manhattan Bank AG Frankfurt	110,900
Brown Brothers Harriman	81,300
Northern Trust London	589,247
Chase Manhattan Bank AG Frankfurt	224,801

5. Number of shares / amount of stock acquired
Not known

6. Percentage of issued class
N/A

7. Number of shares / amount of stock disposed
N/A

8. Percentage of issued class
N/A

9. Class of security
Ordinary 5 5/9 pence

10. Date of transaction
Not known

11. Date company informed
17 December 2003

12. Total holding following this notification
128,695,277

13. Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification
3.02

14. Any additional information
None

15. Name of contact and telephone number for queries
Robin Healy 01753 494 017

16. Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification
Robin Healy

Date of notification
17 December 2003