Annual Review 2008



November 2008

- * SSE exposes plan to fast-track the second runway Public Inquiry process, telescoping it to six months with parallel sessions, compromising proper community representation
- * SSE has formal seat at the second runway Pre-Inquiry Meeting attended by 400 people
- * After consulting with members and environmental organisations, SSE lodges High Court challenge to the granting of permission to expand existing runway capacity
- * SSE responds to Government consultation on the Guidance for Airport Operators to Produce Action Plans under the terms of the Environmental Noise Regulations 2006
- * SSE preparation for second runway Public Inquiry continues, including attendance at Topic Working Groups with other Inquiry parties, continuing to Summer 2009

December 2008

- * SSE writes to Secretary of State identifying fundamental shortcomings in BAA's Economic Impact Report for the second runway project
- * SSE supporters join thousands in London for climate change march and rally
- * Planning Inspectorate team visits SSE to discuss concerns over fairness and transparency relating to second runway Public Inquiry format
- * 50 SSE volunteers and 30 shops raise £43,000 for SSE from sales of the Community Calendar, Christmas cards and notelets
- * Plane Stupid pressure group closes Stansted Airport in protest at climate impacts
- * Competition Commission issues provisional findings of Market Inquiry into BAA, indicating it expects Stansted, Gatwick and either Glasgow or Edinburgh Airports will have to be sold
- * SSE delivers 300 page Statement of Case to Public Inquiry Inspector