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THE BOSSES ARE PANICKING!

TIME TO STEP UP THE ACTION!

Newspaper reports have revealed that senior civil servants ordered an emergency 'Cobra' meeting on Friday to plan the government's response to the strike action. National Grid, the power distributor, is monitoring the situation very closely in case electricity and gas supplies are interrupted. The company may instruct large energy users, such as factories, to close. The police and the army have been put on alert!

Strenuous efforts were being made over the weekend by ministers, officials, union 'leaders' and conciliators to try to halt the 'wildcat' strikes. Cries of 'don't panic! don't panic!' could be heard echoing through the boardrooms and along the corridors of Whitehall!

All because construction workers have said enough is enough!

STRIKE ACTION WORKS!

The solidarity of the strikers has shown where the real power lies in society, with the workers! And it demonstrates why the bosses' representatives, the Tories, introduced anti-union legislation to try to make effective strike action illegal. The Labour Government and Gordon Brown has also sided with the bosses saying that the outbreak of 'wild-cat' strikes are "indefensible". **The same Gordon Brown that was backed by Unite Amicus general secretary Derek Simpson** in 2007 as Labour leader. Simpson himself is quoted as saying "We can't condone unofficial action". But it was precisely this action that won the concessions made at Lindsey refinery. The victory at Lindsey is a marvellous example of what can be achieved.

But what about Staythorpe and all the other major projects where the national agreement has been undermined. What better time is there than now for Unite to call an immediate national strike in construction, to protect jobs, to extend and improve the NAECI agreement to all construction projects! At the time of his election in 2002 Simpson promised to 'abolish the anti-union laws' but has done nothing since to honour his promises! If the government were to threaten the funds of the union for calling a national strike then let's call a strike of all two million members. **That would mount a real challenge to these laws!**

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