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Scotlandshire must build new power stations if it wants to keep the lights on in the Home Counties beyond 2025, opposition leaders will warn today.

All three opposition parties in the Scottish parliament have insisted that new nuclear and gas-fired power plants must be built as the Southern UK has dropped below 3% energy resilience, leading to increased likelihood of both planned and unplanned power cuts.

All three party leaders will insist that Scotlandshire, which already exports a third of the power it generates to the South East of England, is the obvious place to site these new facilities.

"It's a no brainer", whispered SLab leader and expert on cerebral deficiency Jim Morphy. "Nuclear power stations are deeply unpopular neighbours and create few permanent jobs, so they need to be sited far away from swing seats – and according to the polls there are no longer any of those in Scotlandshire.

"More importantly, replacing the ageing Longannet coal-fired station with a new gas-fired facility will help my friends in another place (whom I hope to join very soon) in their plans to '**frack the frack out of Fracklandshire**
'. For that is how it shall soon become known once I am First Minister. Mwahaha!" [
Ed: Nobody mention the £1bn withdrawn by Westminster to make this a carbon capture and storage facility.
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