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**Subject: Your confirmatory application for access to documents under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 – GESTDEM 2021/6387**

Dear Mr Pace,

I refer to your e-mail of 17 June 2022, registered on 20 June, in which you submitted a confirmatory application in accordance with Article 7(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents<sup>1</sup> (hereinafter ‘Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001’).

Your confirmatory application was submitted in relation to your initial application of 27 October 2021 in which you requested, I quote:

*‘[a]ll documents—including but not limited to correspondence, emails, minutes, notes (hand written or electronic), audio or video recordings, verbatim reports, operational conclusions, lines to take, briefings, and presentations—related to the meeting or meetings on October 12 between Kadri Simson, Stefano Grassi and Tatiana Marquez Uriarte and Gas Distributors for Sustainability.’*

The processing of your initial application was assigned to the Directorate-General for Energy of the Commission. As you did not receive an initial reply within the statutory time limits, you submitted a confirmatory application on 17 June 2022.

A reply to your initial application was sent to you on 24 October 2022. In its reply, the Directorate-General for Energy informed you that it had identified and granted you wide partial access to four documents falling within the scope of your request.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 145 of 31.5.2001, p. 43.

Against this background, the Secretariat-General will close your confirmatory application related to the lack of initial reply.

You remain entitled to submit a new confirmatory application in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, should you wish to request a review of the initial reply of 24 October 2022.

Yours sincerely,

María Oliván Avilés  
Head of Unit