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Subject: Your confirmatory application for access to documents under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 – GESTDEM 2022/2127

Dear Ms Kieninger,

I refer to your e-mail of 4 October 2022, registered on 5 October 2022, 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 documents¹ (hereinafter 'Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001').

Your confirmatory application was submitted in relation to your initial application of 11 April 2022, in which you requested access to, I quote:

- 'all correspondence (including email, SMS, private twitter and WhatsApp) since 1 February 2022 between Commissioner Simson, and/or her cabinet and/or officials from DG Energy with representatives from the oil and gas industry, namely ENTSO-G and ENTSO-G members such as SNAM, Enagas, Gazsystem, Engie, Thüga, Bulgartransgaz, Fluxys, Gasunie, Ontras, Connexus Baltic Grid, Amber Grid, Ren gasodutos and Reganosa as well as Plinacro, Alexela, HEP, Gasunie, Buss Group, Trafigura, Vopak, Enel, Mediterranean Gas, Nord-West-Ölleitung, Tree Energy

¹ OJ L 145 of 31.5.2001, p. 43.

Solutions, JSC Skulte LNG Terminal, Gastrade, LNG Medgas and HEH (Fluxys, Buss Group, Partners Group) in which the EU's response to Ukraine invasion, particularly the RePowerEU communication was discussed;

- any briefings prepared for Commissioner Simson, and/or her cabinet and/or officials;
- from DG Energy for meetings since 1 February 2022 with representatives from the oil and gas industry, namely ENTSO-G and ENTSO-G members such as SNAM, Enagas, Gazsystem, Engie, Thüga, Bulgartransgaz, Fluxys, Gasunie, Ontras, Conexus Baltic Grid, Amber Grid, Ren gasodutos and Reganosa as well as Plinacro, Alexela, HEP, Gasunie, Buss Group, Trafigura, Vopak, Enel, Mediterranean Gas, Nord-WestÖlleitung, Tree Energy Solutions, JSC Skulte LNG Terminal, Gastrade, LNG Medgas and HEH (Fluxys, Buss Group, Partners Group) in which the EU's response to Ukraine invasion, particularly the RePowerEU communication was discussed;
- list of meetings since since 1 February 2022 between with representatives from the oil and gas industry, namely ENTSO-G and ENTSO-G members such as SNAM, Enagas, Gazsystem, Engie, Thüga, Bulgartransgaz, Fluxys, Gasunie, Ontras, Conexus Baltic Grid, Amber Grid, Ren gasodutos and Reganosa as well as Plinacro, Alexela, HEP, Gasunie, Buss Group, Trafigura, Vopak, Enel, Mediterranean Gas, Nord-WestÖlleitung, Tree Energy Solutions, JSC Skulte LNG Terminal, Gastrade, LNG Medgas and HEH (Fluxys, Buss Group, Partners Group) in which the EU's response to Ukraine invasion, particularly the RePowerEU communication was discussed;
- minutes of the meetings mentioned above;
- any briefings prepared ahead of meetings between Commissioner Simson, and/or her cabinet and/or officials from DG Energy with representatives from the oil and gas industry, namely ENTSO-G and ENTSO-G members such as SNAM, Enagas, Gazsystem, Engie, Thüga, Bulgartransgaz, Fluxys, Gasunie, Ontras, Conexus Baltic Grid, Amber Grid, Ren gasodutos and Reganosa as well as Plinacro, Alexela, HEP, Gasunie, Buss Group, Trafigura, Vopak, Enel, Mediterranean Gas, Nord-WestÖlleitung, Tree Energy Solutions, JSC Skulte LNG Terminal, Gastrade, LNG Medgas and HEH (Fluxys, Buss Group, Partners Group) in which the EU's response to Ukraine invasion, particularly the RePowerEU communication was discussed.'

The processing of your initial application was assigned to the European Commission's Directorate-General for Energy.

As you did not receive an initial reply within the statutory time limits, you submitted a confirmatory application on 4 October 2022.

In the meantime, the initial reply in question was sent to you on 3 January 2023 (under reference number Ares(2023)20538).

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

You remain entitled to submit a 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 3 January 2023.

Yours sincerely,

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