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Subject: Your application for access to documents EASE 2022/2127 – integration to the initial reply and fair solution proposal with list of documents

Dear Ms Kieninger,

We are writing concerning your request for access to Commission documents registered on 12/04/2022 under case number 2022/2127.

You have already received a first reply on 03/01/2023 that we can now complement with the contribution received from the Cabinet.

Nevertheless, according to this contribution, your application concerns a very large number of documents.

Please find below the list of the identified documents:

| Nr | Stakeholder | Ares | Date | Title |
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| 1 | Enagás | Ares(2022)1751107 | 07/03/2022 | Letter from newly appointed Enagás CEO Arturo Gonzalo |
| 2 | Enagás | Ares(2022)1751107 | 07/03/2022 | 20220309. European Commission, Kadri Simson_Redacted |
| 3 | Enagás | ARES(2022)5347533 | 25/03/2022 | Minutes of the informal meeting between Tatiana Marquez Uriarte and Enagás representative in |

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| 4 | Enagás | Ares(2022)2680824 | 05/04/2022 | MEETING REQUEST KS between 15/04/2022 (excl 25-26) and 15/05/2022 with Enagás new CEO Arturo Gonzalo Aizpiri - Security of Supply and Decarbonisation |
| 5 | Enagás | Ares(2022)3071318 | 19/04/2022 | [Re] Letter from newly appointed Enagás CEO Arturo Gonzalo - Congratulations |
| 6 | Enagás | Ares(2023)3232176 | 27/04/2022 | RE: MEETING REQUEST KS between 15/04/2022 (excl 25-26) and 15/05/2022 with Enagás new CEO Arturo Gonzalo Aizpiri - Security of Supply and Decarbonisation |
| 7 | Enagás | Ares(2023)5417738 | 27/04/2022 | Minutes of the meeting 27/04/2022 Stefano Grassi - Tatiana Marquez Uriarte with Enagas representative |
| 8 | Enagás | Ares(2022)8222424 | 28/11/2022 | INVITATION KS 19/01/2023 Madrid - Enagás Hydrogen Day |
| 9 | | Ares(2022)8222424 | 28/11/2022 | 20221128_Invitación Día Hidrógeno Kadri Simson |
| 10 | | Ares(2022)8222424 | 28/11/2022 | Follow up and reminder of invitation for Enagás Hydrogen Day on January 19th 2023 |
| 11 | Enagás | Ares(2023)3232587 | 19/12/2022 | Exchange of emails - Meeting SG with Enagás - 12/01/2023 |
| 12 | Enagás | Ares(2022)8912200 | 20/12/2022 | [Re] INVITATION KS 19/01/2023 Madrid - Enagás Hydrogen Day |
| 13 | Enagás | Ares(2023)3674207 | 13/01/2023 | Minutes of meeting SG- |

| | | | | Enagás 12/01/2023 |
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| 14 | Enel | Ares(2023)1849903 | 21/03/2022 | Re: Price Cap - Counter arguments and Defence points |
| 15 | Enel | Ares(2023)1849903 | 21/03/2022 | 2022_03_15_European Natural Gas Market - Brussels views v.2 |
| 16 | Enel | Ares(2023)2955923 | 22/03/2022 | MINUTES - Meeting SG with ENEL - 22/03/2022 |
| 17 | Enel | Ares(2023)2955923 | 22/03/2022 | 2022_03_15_European Natural Gas Market - Brussels views v.2 |
| 18 | Enel | Ares(2022)3054814 | 15/04/2022 | MEETING REQUEST SG open date with ENEL representatives |
| 19 | Enel | Ares(2022)3577580 | 10/05/2022 | More than 140 business CEOs and networks call on EU to strengthen energy security by accelerating green transition in the upcoming REPowerEU Plan |
| 20 | Enel | Ares(2022)3577580 | 10/05/2022 | Annex of the business letter ahead of the REPowerEU Plan_final |
| 21 | Enel | Ares(2022)3577580 | 10/05/2022 | Business letter on REPowerEU_10 May 2022 |
| 22 | Enel | Ares(2022)5829715 | 19/08/2022 | [Re] More than 140 business CEOs and networks call on EU to strengthen energy security by accelerating green transition in the upcoming REPowerEU Plan |
| 23 | Enel | Ares(2022)6228952 | 08/09/2022 | Enel proposals on cap on inframarginal technologies and liquidity margin |
| 24 | Enel | Ares(2022)6228952 | 08/09/2022 | 20220419_Joint- associations-position-on- support-for-well- |

| | | | | functioning-energy- markets_Executed |
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| 25 | Enel | Ares(2022)6228952 | 08/09/2022 | Regulation cap revenues inframarginal wording proposals_EU |
| 26 | Enel | Ares(2022)7425297 | 26/10/2022 | Electricity Market Design - Enel Proposal |
| 27 | Enel | Ares(2022)7425297 | 26/10/2022 | Market Design - Enel |
| 28 | Enel | Ares(2022)8889841 | 21/12/2022 | [Re] Electricity Market Design - Enel Proposal |
| 29 | Enel | Ares(2023)3786621 | 13/02/2023 | Email exchange re prep call SG-ENEL 13/02/2023 – project solar panels for Ukraine |
| 30 | Enel | Ares(2023)4185924 | 13/02/2023 | MINUTES: SG-ENEL video meeting - donation of solar PVs to Ukraine - 13/02/2023 |
| 31 | Enel | Ares(2023)4185805 | 02/03/2023 | Exchange of emails to set up the final prep call (02/03/2023) for donation of solar panels to Ukraine |
| 32 | Enel | Ares(2023)4186100 | 02/03/2023 | MINUTES: Prep call SG- ENEL 02/03/2023 – project solar panels for Ukraine |
| 33 | Enel | N/A | 03/03/2023 | Joint announcement KS-ENEL: donation of solar panels to Ukraine. Correspondence relates only to logistical arrangements. Please see the press release: Enel's donation of 3Sun solar PV panels to Ukraine (europa.eu) |
| 34 | Enel | Ares(2023)4186310 | 03/03/2023 | MINUTES: announcement on donation of solar panels to Ukraine and short bilateral discussion with ENEL CEO |

| 35 | ENGIE | Ares(2022)4929546 | 30/06/2022 | ENGIE position: Taxation of energy in Italy - Incompatibility with EU law and RePower EU guidelines |
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| 36 | ENGIE | Ares(2022)4929546 | 30/06/2022 | 20220622 non paper contributo solidaristico straordinario-english |
| 37 | ENGIE | Ares(2022)6932988 | 06/10/2022 | Application ENGIE CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE INDUSTRY ADVISORY GROUP 6th September 2022 EU Energy Platform |
| 38 | ENGIE | Ares(2022)6932988 | 06/10/2022 | IAG call_Cover Letter_ENGIE |
| 39 | ENGIE | Ares(2022)6932988 | 06/10/2022 | 2022 10 04_Letter of Application_ IAG_ENGIE |
| 40 | ENGIE | Ares(2022)6932988 | 06/10/2022 | CV eur - Sebastien Delannoy_ENGIE |
| 41 | ENGIE | Ares(2022)7709282 | 07/11/2022 | Possible energy saving measure |
| 42 | ENGIE | Ares(2023)1100339 | 15/02/2023 | [Re] Possible energy saving measure |
| 43 | ENGIE | Ares(2023)830874 | 17/03/2023 | MEETING REQUEST BG [open date] from the Director for EU affairs of ENGIE on renewable energy developments (Fit for 55 and the Green deal plan and subsequent acts) and challenges and the methane regulation. |
| 44 | ENGIE | Ares(2023)3675587 | 17/03/2023 | [Re] MEETING REQUEST BG [open date] from the Director for EU affairs of ENGIE on renewable energy developments (Fit for 55 and the Green deal plan and subsequent acts) and |

| | | | | challenges and the methane regulation. |
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| 45 | ENGIE | Ares(2023)3674911 | 17/03/2023 | 2023-03-17 - MEETING MINUTES - Engie - CAB |
| 46 | Engie, Enel, ENTSO-G | Ares(2023)2068070 | 26/10/2022 | BASIS 1235/ Briefing for Commissioner Simson— Industry Advisory Group of 26 October 2022 |
| 47 | ENTSO-G | Ares(2022)3463377 | 05/05/2022 | INVITATION SG - 23/06/2022 - To Port of Antwerp-Bruges Event |
| 48 | ENTSO-G | Ares(2022)3463377 | 05/05/2022 | Ports & the energy transition - merger Port of Antwerp-Bruges - invitation to speak at event 23 June |
| 49 | ENTSO-G | Ares(2022)3908095 | 24/05/2022 | INVITATION KS 06/2022 - ENTSO-G Roundtable - European Clean Hydrogen Alliance, RT Transmission and Distribution CEOs meeting |
| 50 | ENTSO-G | Ares(2023)3770885 | 14/06/2022 | RE: INVITATION SG - 23/06/2022 - To Port of Antwerp-Bruges Event [negative reply] |
| 51 | ENTSO-G | Ares(2023)3770580 | 06/07/2022 | RE: INVITATION KS 06/2022 - ENTSO-G Roundtable - European Clean Hydrogen Alliance, RT Transmission and Distribution CEOs meeting [positive reply SG but participation later cancelled] |
| 52 | ENTSO-G | Ares(2023)3770580 | 06/07/2022 | Invitation to European Clean Hydrogen Alliance, RT Transmission and Distribution CEOs meeting |
| 53 | ENTSO-G | Ares(2022)7058767 | 12/10/2022 | INVITATION SG 14/12/22 Brussels/hybrid- |

| | | | | speaker at ENTSOG's Annual Conference 2022 (Panel 2) |
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| 54 | ENTSO-G | Ares(2023)3769552 | 25/10/2022 | RE: INVITATION SG 14/12/22 Brussels/hybrid- speaker at ENTSOG's Annual Conference 2022 (Panel 2) [positive response] |
| 55 | ENTSO-G | Ares(2023)1752065 | 10/03/2023 | Meeting-SG- 04/04/2023- with ENTSOG-thank you & follow up |
| 56 | ENTSO-G | Ares(2023)1752065 | 10/03/2023 | ECH2A_TD RT_Agenda 4th CEOs_meeting on 4 April_Rev1 (1) |
| 57 | ENTSO-G | Ares(2023)1890754 | 15/03/2023 | Meeting-SG- 04/04/2023- with ENTSOG-thank you & follow up – negative reply for 4 April 2023 |
| 58 | ENTSO-G | Ares(2023)3503919 | 19/05/2023 | MINUTES – Meeting SG with ENTSO-G – 07/03/2023 |
| 59 | Fluxys | Ares(2023)3070814 | 02/05/2023 | Meeting request RK with Fluxys on gas package |
| 60 | Fluxys | Ares(2023)3680302 | 03/05/2023 | Meeting slots with RK offered |
| 61 | Fluxys | Ares(2023)3718511 | 30/05/2023 | Minutes of RK meeting with Fluxys representatives of 15/05/2023 |
| 62 | Gasunie | Ares(2022)8817628 | 16/12/2022 | MEETING REQUEST SG 12/01/2022 + INVITATION to speak - 24.01.2023 @ CCUS event in Rotterdam |
| 63 | Gasunie | Ares(2023)134198 | 09/01/2023 | RE: CCUS/H2: Meeting Request & Invitation to speak - 24.01.2023 @ CCUS event in Rotterdam |
| 64 | Gasunie | Ares(2023)1308315 | 18/01/2023 | Briefing – meeting SG with Gasunie – |

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| 65 | Gasunie | Ares(2023)423793 | 19/01/2023 | Meeting with Gasunie 19/01/23 - Meeting conclusions |
| 66 | HYDROPOWER ALLIANCE | Ares(2023)703878 | 04/05/2023 | MEETING REQUEST KS [open date] Brussels BE - Physical meeting/roundtable with EU Hydropower Alliance representatives on contribution of hydropower to Europe's decarbonization goals |
| 67 | HYDROPOWER ALLIANCE | Ares(2023)3675898 | 04/05/2023 | [Re] Meeting request on behalf of new EU Hydropower Alliance with Commissioner Simson |
| 68 | HYDROPOWER ALLIANCE | Ares(2023)3674980 | 04/05/2023 | 2023-05-04 MEETING MINUTES - EU Hydropower Alliance |
| 69 | Snam | Ares(2022)3685504 | 16/05/2022 | MEETING or CALL REQUEST SG open date with new Snam CEO - Mr Stefano VENIER |
| 70 | Snam | Ares(2023)3666451 | 19/05/2022 | RE: MEETING or CALL REQUEST SG open date with new Snam CEO - Mr Stefano VENIER |
| 71 | Snam | Ares(2023)4444083 | 20/05/2022 | MINUTES: meeting SG with Snam CEO – 20/05/2022 |
| 72 | Snam | Ares(2023)3230972 | 29/03/2023 | Exchange of emails - Meeting SG with Snam CEO - 30/03/2023 |
| 73 | Snam | Ares(2023)4443978 | 30/03/2023 | MINUTES: meeting SG with Snam CEO 30/03/2023 |
| 74 | Trafigura | Ares(2022)1819577 | 11/03/2022 | MEETING REQUEST SG/TMU open date - with Trafigura on Energy supply chain in the World |

| 75 | Trafigura | Ares(2022)1819577 | 11/03/2022 | RussiaUkraine Crisis - Oil Market Impact 10 Mar 22 (002) |
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| 76 | Trafigura | Ares(2022)6005854 | 29/08/2022 | MEETING REQUEST KS 22/09/2022 with Jeremy Weir CEO Trafigura - investments in hydrogen production and hydrogen-powered trucking - decarbonising shipping |
| 77 | Trafigura | Ares(2022)6987431 | 10/10/2022 | new MEETING REQUEST KS [October/November 2022] with Jeremy Weir CEO Trafigura - investments in hydrogen production and hydrogen-powered trucking - decarbonising shipping |
| 78 | Trafigura | Ares(2023)3772633 | 25/10/2022 | RE: Meeting request - Jeremy Weir (Trafigura) |
| 79 | Trafigura | Ares(2023)3772748 | 10/11/2022 | BRIEFING: Meeting SG- Trafigura – 11/11/2022 |
| 80 | Trafigura | Ares(2023)4154337 | 11/11/2022 | MINUTES: Meeting SG- Trafigura – 11/11/2022 |
| 81 | Trafigura | Ares(2023)1422399 | 27/02/2023 | Meeting request KS with Trafigura CEO, Jeremy Weir on 27/04/2023 |
| 82 | Trafigura | Ares(2023)1422399 | 27/02/2023 | Fwd_ Commissioner Simson at Davos_ |
| 83 | Trafigura | Ares(2023)1723654 | 09/03/2023 | Confirmation meeting between Commissioner Simson and Jeremy Weir, Trafigura CEO |
| 84 | Trafigura | Ares(2023)1733676 | 09/03/2023 | Meeting request RK to prepare the meeting between Commissioner Simson and Trafigura CEO |
| 85 | Trafigura | Ares(2023)1786967 | 12/03/2023 | Confirmation meeting on 21/03/23 |

| 86 | Trafigura | Ares(2023)3679717 | 26/03/2023 | Briefing for Commissioner Simson meeting with Jeremy Weir, CEO of Trafigura |
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| 87 | Trafigura | Ares(2023)2290505 | 30/03/2023 | Minutes of prep-meeting with Trafigura representatives for meeting of 03/04/2023 |
| 88 | Trafigura | Ares(2023)2409589 | 03/04/2023 | Minutes of Commissioner Simson meeting with Jeremy Weir, CEO of Trafigura |
| 89 | Trafigura | Ares(2023)2814206 | 19/04/2023 | Thank you email for Trafigura's meeting of 03/04/2023 |
| 90 | Tree Energy Solutions | Ares(2022)3236390 | 25/04/2022 | Enclosing Tree Energy Solutions - Hydrogen for life (TES) papers : TES Wilhelmshaven Press release - TES Open Season |
| 91 | Tree Energy Solutions | Ares(2022)3236390 | 25/04/2022 | 20220425 TES Open Season Press Release- DE_FINAL |
| 92 | Tree Energy Solutions | Ares(2022)3236390 | 25/04/2022 | 20220425 TES Open Season Press Release_FINAL |
| 93 | Tree Energy Solutions (TES H2) | Ares(2022)6127752 | 02/09/2022 | MEETING REQUEST SG open date with Marco Alvera - TES hydrogen for Life |
| 94 | Tree Energy Solutions (TES H2) | Ares(2023)3775050 | 03/10/2022 | RE: Meeting with Marco Alvera - TES |
| 95 | Tree Energy Solutions (TES H2) | Ares(2023)3775116 | 27/10/2022 | Background briefing: meeting SG-TES H2 - 27/10/2022 |
| 96 | Tree Energy Solutions (TES H2) | Ares(2023)3825425 | 27/10/2022 | MINUTES: meeting SG-TMU with TES H2 - 27/10/2022 |

The integration to your initial application covers **96 documents**.

The assessment of the said documentation requires processing a significant amount of information for the sole benefit of one applicant.

It needs to be emphasised that the assessment carried out under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 is not limited to reading of the documents but also to the analysis of their content.

First, the relevant information that requires protection under various exceptions provided for in Article 4 of that Regulation has to be filtered out and identified. The length of that process depends on the level of complexity of the documents content-wise.

Second, a significant number of documents originate from third parties. Consequently, the consultation under Article 4(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 is required. The time needed to carry out the necessary consultations includes preparation of the consultation letters, their internal validation workflow and delivery. Subsequently, the consulted third parties are given five working days to reply. That deadline starts running from the date of registration of the consultation.

Finally, following the assessment of the documents, which takes into account the positions of the consulted third parties, the case handler must prepare the final version of the documents, including internal consultation (for example with a policy officer competent in the subject matter), marking the text to be redacted by means of the dedicated informatics tools and preparation of the final, redacted version of the document. Then, the final reply and the whole file is put into the validation process in view of its approval. This part of the process adds at least four working days to the over time of the handling.

Article 6(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 provides for a possibility to confer with an applicant informally with a view to finding a fair solution when an application relates to a very long document or concerns a very large number of documents.

Based on the above-mentioned provision, we would kindly ask you to clarify whether you are still interested in the documents requested ¹. If so, we kindly ask you to identify the documents you are interested in. For this reason, in order to narrow down the scope of your application and to reduce it to a more manageable number of documents, we kindly ask you to select a maximum number of **20 documents**.

Please reply to this proposal for a fair solution within five working days at the latest.

In the absence of a reply within five working days, we will restrict the scope of your application to those parts that can be dealt with within a reasonable amount of time.

Yours sincerely,

DG ENER Access to Documents Team

Strack v Commission judgment, paragraph 28; Judgment of the General Court (then 'Court of First Instance') of 22 May 2012, EnBW Energie Baden-Württemberg v European Commission, T-344/08, EU:T:2012:242, paragraph 105.