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Brussels,

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Subject: Your confirmatory application for access to documents under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 – GESTDEM 2022/2228

Dear Mr Pace,

I refer to your e-mail of 17 June 2022, registered on 20 June 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 14 April 2022 in which you requested access to, 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 on February 4 between Kadri Simson and Equinor ASA and Trans Adriatic Pipeline’.

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 17 June 2022.

In the meantime, a reply to your initial application was sent to you on 18 August 2022. In its reply, the Directorate-General for Energy informed you that the European Commission does

¹ OJ L 145 of 31.5.2001, p. 43.

not hold any documents that would correspond to the description provided in your application.

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 18 August 2022.

Yours sincerely,

María Oliván Avilés
Head of Unit