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To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Action 6.1.12-0010-CZ-S-M-17 -Design works for upgrade of CS Břeclav
Attachments: Annex I draft.docx

Dear [REDACTED]

Following the call for proposals of 26th April 2017 concerning projects of common interest under the Connecting Europe Facility in the field of energy, on 25th January 2018 the CEF Coordination Committee has given a positive opinion on a list of Actions proposed for funding.

We are happy to inform you that this list also includes action 6.1.12-0010-CZ-S-M-17 "Design works for upgrade of CS Břeclav".

For your information, you will find at the bottom of this email the overall comments regarding the proposal as provided by the Evaluation Committee. Information regarding the marks awarded to the proposal may be communicated upon request.

Without prejudice to the final decision to be taken by the European Commission in the coming weeks, and in order to facilitate the next steps, please find attached a first draft version of Annex 1 of the Grant Agreement for your review. We would be grateful to receive your comments and/or modifications on this draft by **19 February 2018** in order to accelerate the preparation and signature of the Grant Agreement.

I take this opportunity to request that you provide us with the following information:

- The name and title of the person who will sign the Grant Agreement;
- The contact details and the name and title for the official contact persons;
- The following information in relation to comments made during the evaluation of the proposal:
 - Description of wider (beyond Czech Republic) benefits and presentation of expected wider cross-border impacts of the action;
 - Justification of adequacy of costs and time allocation in the action, in particular in view of respecting public procurement deadlines;
 - Assessment of risk of delays associated with PLSZ interconnector elements, in particular on the Polish side and its potential impact on the current action;
 - Confirmation with respect to the scheduled dates for commissioning of different parts of the CZPL interconnector.

Furthermore, we would like to invite you for a meeting on **26 February 2018 at 10:00-12:00 at INEA** premises in Brussels. The purpose of this meeting will be to clarify any open questions on the revised Annex I and draft Grant Agreement, for you to provide us with an updated presentation of the envisaged Action and to discuss a number of specific elements concerning its implementation (objectives, description of activities and milestones, etc.). Depending on your preferred arrangements, a video conference could alternatively be organised to serve the same purpose (if this is the case please let us know).

For planning purposes, we would be grateful to receive confirmation of your availability for the meeting by **19 February 2018**.

I would like to highlight that this e-mail does not constitute a formal commitment by INEA or the European Commission to provide financial support to the envisaged Action. This will depend on the successful conclusion of the grant preparation process. I would like to draw your attention to the fact that you will not acquire any rights until all parties have signed the grant agreement.

For further correspondence, please always indicate the Action code, i.e. 6.1.12-0010-CZ-S-M-17 in subject and only use the functional mailbox INEA-CEF-GAS@ec.europa.eu (please don't reply to this EC ARES NOREPLY email address).

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or clarifications on this matter.

I look forward to your reply at your earliest convenience.

Best regards,


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Overall comment for Action 6.1.12-0010-CZ-S-M-17 provided by the Evaluation Committee

The PCI project, bidirectional CZ-PL interconnector (Stork II) is part of the North-South Gas Corridor. It will contribute to the interoperable European gas network. The objective of the proposed Action is to prepare a set of project documentation consisting of the feasibility study, basic design and detailed design for upgrade of the compressor station (CS) Beclav; which is an integral part of the PCI project Stork II (CZ-PL) interconnection. This action is the next logical step in the implementation of the PCI and it is mature. The proposal has demonstrated the stimulating effect of CEF funding.

The proposal is recommended for funding.