The Director-General

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By registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt

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Dear Mr Collins,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2018/3220

We refer to your message of 06/06/2018 in which you make a request for access to documents, concerning the correspondence between several services of the Commission and Equinor.

Your request has been split into two parts, registered under the reference numbers GestDem 2018/3220 and 2018/3221.

The first part [GestDem 2018/3220] has been handled by the services of DG ENER:

- "All correspondence, including emails, sent and received since 01/04/2017, between [...] representatives of DG Energy, and representatives from Equinor (previously known as Statoil).
- 2. All documentation (including but not limited to all email correspondence, attendance lists, agendas, background papers, and minutes/notes) relating to the meetings between Equinor and:

[...]

b. Director-General for Energy Dominique Ristori on 01/09/2017

[...]

d. Director-General for Energy Dominique Ristori on 04/01/2017"

We regret to inform you that no documents were found that would correspond to the description given in your application.

Indeed, as specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation 1049/2001, the right of access as defined in that regulation applies only to existing documents in the possession of the institution.

Given that no such documents have been identified, the Commission is not in a position to handle your request.

In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001, you are entitled to make a confirmatory application requesting the Commission to review this position.

Such a confirmatory application should be addressed within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter to the Secretary-General of the Commission at the following address:

European Commission
Secretary-General
Transparency unit SG-B-4
BERL 5/282
B-1049 Bruxelles
or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

The second part of your request [GestDem 2018/3221] is currently handled by the Secretariat General.

Yours sincerely,

Dominique Ristori

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