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**Subject: Steering Group Participation: Quo Vadis EU Gas market regulatory framework – Study on Gas Market Design for Europe**

Dear Mr. Borchardt,

We understand that the European Commission will launch a study "Quo vadis EU gas market regulatory framework – Study on a Gas Market Design for Europe". Tenderers were invited to include in their proposal setting out their vision of an ideal EU gas market regulatory framework. Gas infrastructure Europe (GIE) will provide its response to these proposals before 16 January.

We have understood that a steering group will be set up to provide guidance and support to the chosen consultant. Members of GIE are active as transmission, storage and LNG system operators. As "market facilitators", they are enabling the well-functioning of the gas market, including effective supply competition, and ensuring a safe supply of energy to the final consumer. We believe that GIE would be able to make a valuable contribution to such steering group, representing gas infrastructure operators, as we have done in similar groups supporting the development of the Gas Target Models by ACER and CEER.

As we are aware that ENTSOG is also requesting to be part of the steering group, covering the perspective of European TSOs, we would like to suggest that GIE is represented by the President of Gas Storage Europe, [REDACTED], and the President of Gas LNG Europe, [REDACTED].

By committing GIE at the highest level we look forward to participating and contributing actively to the realisation of the Commission study and to provide input during the process. Looking forward to discuss our further contribution and participation on the process.

Sincerely yours

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Secretary General  
Gas Infrastructure Europe

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