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From: GasNaturally President [<mailto:President@gasnaturally.eu>]
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To: RISTORI Dominique (ENER)
Subject: Letter from [REDACTED], GasNaturally President

Dear Mr Ristori,

It is a pleasure to address you in my new capacity as President of GasNaturally, a partnership composed of six associations across the entire gas chain at a European level.

As you know, the debate on the main EU energy legislative reforms is gaining momentum in Brussels and I would be delighted to have the opportunity to exchange views with you on this important topic in the coming months.

Tackling climate challenge and improving air quality in our communities are two of the most pressing issues of our time. Both natural gas and renewable gas can help address both issues, while providing cheap energy to consumers. The increasing share of variable renewables can also be balanced and stabilised by gas. Likewise in heating, natural gas and renewable energy are a perfect match to reduce emissions, contain costs and keep warm, even over prolonged cold spells. Further, gas – in the form of compressed natural gas (CNG) and liquefied natural gas (LNG) - is well suited for transport where the largest impact in terms of emissions reductions is achieved in utility and heavy goods vehicles. In addition, LNG also helps reduce CO₂ emissions and air pollutants in barges and sea-going ships.

Maintaining reliable and affordable energy system is key to achieving the 2030 climate objectives. On average electricity is three times more expensive than gas (per kWh), and the strong electrification of the EU energy system will in my view drive up energy bills and neither make the energy transition attractive to consumers nor help tackle energy poverty. Importantly, a comprehensive gas network is already in place and invisible, and – via power-to-gas technology - is ready to provide energy storage and transportation services to renewable electricity. This reduces the need for the costly reinforcement of electricity transmission and distribution grids. Additional interconnections and work on harmonised EU network codes that remove market barriers will deliver the most cost-efficient solution, and the support of domestic exploration and production of gas will further diversify EU gas supplies, creating jobs and a strong supply chain, and thus providing affordable energy for all consumers while helping generate government revenues.

Last but not least, **phasing out subsidies to mature technologies and redirecting them to non-mature but promising solutions** (such as carbon capture and storage (CCS/CCUS) and power-to-gas) is the best way to shape a cost-effective approach to cleaner and innovative energy.

I firmly believe it is in the interest of decision-makers as well as the industry to make sure that energy remains affordable, clean and reliable for EU citizens. GasNaturally is available to answer and discuss any questions or queries you may have on all aspects of the natural gas value chain and its services.

Yours sincerely,



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