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**Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2020/0931**

Dear Ms Dadci,

We refer to your e-mail dated 17/02/2020 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to:

*the minutes of the following meetings:*

- 1) 30/01/20 between Commissioner Kadri SIMSON and Enagas about European Green Deal; decarbonisation of gas, hydrogen and reduction of methane emissions,
- 2) 20/01/20 between Commissioner Kadri SIMSON and BusinessEurope about EU industrial competitiveness, carbon pricing mechanism,
- 3) 16/01/20 between Commissioner Kadri SIMSON and European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas (ENTSO-G) about European Green Deal including possible contribution of gas, hydrogen; energy security,
- 4) 12/01/20 between Commissioner Kadri SIMSON and Global CCS Institute Ltd (GCCSI) about European Green Deal, carbon capture and storage,
- 5) 12/01/20 between Commissioner Kadri SIMSON and European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity (ENTSO-E) about European Green Deal, implementation of the clean energy package, sector integration, infrastructure,

- 6) 11/02/20 between Kitt Nyitrai and Shell Companies (Shell) about Exchange of views on decarbonisation,
- 7) 30/01/20 between Kitt Nyitrai Stefano Grassi and Enagás S.A. about European Green Deal; decarbonisation of gas, hydrogen and reduction of methane emissions,
- 8) 30/01/20 between Thor-Sten Vertmann and Roundtable for Europe's Energy Future (REEF) about Organizing a meeting of REEF and the Commissioner + REEF's views on the energy transition,
- 9) 21/01/20 between Thor-Sten Vertmann, Stefano Grassi and ELECTRICITE DE FRANCE (EDF) about Discussion on the road to climate neutrality via innovation and low-carbon technologies. EDF's role in European and global energy markets,
- 10) 21/01/20 between Kitt Nyitrai, Laure Chapuis-Kombos and Tellurian Trading UK Ltd about global gas market developments,
- 11) 12/01/20 between Laure Chapuis-Kombos, Stefano Grassi and Global CCS Institute Ltd (GCCSI) about European Green Deal, carbon capture and storage,
- 12) 09/01/20 between Stefano Grassi, Kitt Nyitrai and Gazprom (Gazprom) about Courtesy meeting with discussion on the latest gas transit developments and Gazprom's views on the role of gas,
- 13) 08/01/20 between Kitt Nyitrai Thor-Sten Vertmann Stefano Grassi and European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity (ENTSO-E) about European Green Deal, implementation of the clean energy package, sector integration, infrastructure.

*Fully accessible document*

For document n°12, we are glad to inform you that you can have full access. Please find enclosed a copy of the document requested - Ares(2020)1126946.

*Partially accessible documents*

With regard to the documents n° 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11 and 13, we are glad to inform you that you that you can have wide partial access, subject only to the redaction of personal data. Please find enclosed redacted copies of the identified documents - Ares(2020)786808, Ares(2020)933610, Ares(2020)935574, Ares(2020)1210373, Ares(2020)1210499, Ares(2020)1935536, Ares(2020)1935555, Ares(2020)2227574.

Complete disclosure of these documents is prevented by the exception concerning the protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual outlined in Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, because it contains the following personal data:

- the name of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management;
- the names of other natural persons.

Article 9(1)(b) of the Data Protection Regulation does not allow the transmission of these personal data, except if you prove that it is necessary to have the data transmitted to you for a specific purpose in the public interest and where there is no reason to assume that the legitimate interests of the data subject might be prejudiced. In your request, you do not express any particular interest to have access to these personal data nor do you put forward any arguments to establish the necessity to have the data transmitted for a specific purpose in the public interest.

*Documents not existing*

For documents n° 5 and 8, the services of the Directorate General for Energy (“DG Energy”) consulted the Cabinet of Commissioner Simson. The result of this search is that no documents could be found that would correspond to the description in your request.

As specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 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, corresponding to the description given in your application, are held by the Commission, the Commission is not in a position to fulfil your request.

*Means of redress*

In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 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 Secretariat-General of the Commission at the following address:

European Commission  
Secretariat-General  
Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1)  
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or by email to: [sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu)

Yours faithfully,

(e-signed)

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