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Honourable Commissioner, Dear Ms Simson,

On behalf of the Roundtable for Europe's Energy Future (REEF) and all members, I would like to thank you for taking the time for our video conference on June 3, 2020. We are most grateful to you for sharing with us some of the latest EU policy insights and priorities as well as listening to our views and proposals. I would also like to reiterate our appreciation for taking into account our proposals for the recently announced EU Relief Package.

In line with our three main recommendation areas (ie. Putting people first, accelerating the implementation of the Green Deal and working better together) and bearing in mind the recent EU Relief package proposals, we would like to highlight the following areas for your attention:

- a. Boosting strategic investments in the clean energy transition and ensuring the right framework and incentives for these investments will also create jobs.
- b. Accelerating decarbonization efforts and integration of renewables with focus on offshore wind, offshore grid, interconnections and green hydrogen
- c. Digitalization across the power value chain (including cyber security)
- d. Smart system integration (e.g. electric mobility and related charging infrastructure, electric heating and storage, electrolyzers)
- e. Close collaboration across stakeholder groups including policy makers, regulators, utilities, technology providers and consumers will be a key success factor
- f. We need to act with a clear sense of direction and urgency.

We will follow up on your concluding remarks with regards to strengthening the EU supply chain, facilitating strategic investments to accelerate energy transition through renewables, interconnections and digitalization across the value chain, smart sector integration and hydrogen viability for the future. We will give these topics our focused attention and endeavour to provide you with relevant inputs.

REEF is always pleased to offer advice and share its expertise related to the energy and digital transitions and given the composition of this forum, we do have significant cross-stakeholder experience and domain expertise in the electricity sector. Given the international nature of some of our businesses, we are also happy to support exchanges and share best practices to foster relations beyond Europe as we strive for a sustainable energy future on a global basis.

We look forward to meeting you again this autumn and as agreed will continue our exchange on a more regular basis, contributing to the Next Generation EU plan. We remain fully committed to leveraging the power of collaboration that can help accelerate the European Green Deal and a carbon neutral future.

On behalf of REEF

Yours sincerely,

