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Dear Ms Balanya,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2020/6365

We refer to your e-mail of 22 October 2020 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 23 October 2020 under the above-mentioned reference number.

We regret to inform you that the Commission does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application:

1- all correspondence (including email) since 1st December 2019 between Commissioner Simson and/or her cabinet and/or officials from DG Energy on one hand and representatives from the gas industry on the other in which the issue of Important Projects of Common European Interest (IPCEIs) in relation with hydrogen was addressed.

2 - list of meetings since 1st December 2019 between Commissioner Simson and/or her cabinet and/or officials from DG Energy on one hand and representatives from the gas industry on the other in which the issue of Important Projects of Common European Interest (IPCEIs) in relation with hydrogen was addressed

3 - minutes of the meetings mentioned above

The services of the Directorate General for Energy (“DG Energy”) have searched through their files. The result of this search is that no documents could be found that would correspond to the description in your request.

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In fact, DG Energy and Commissioner Simson are not in charge of Important Projects of Common European Interest (IPCEIs). This file is mainly managed by DG Competition (state aid) and by Executive Vice-President Vestager. It is also followed by Commissioner Breton and DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs. Moreover, please note that this is mostly a Member States' issue.

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.

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:

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Yours faithfully,

(e-signed)

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