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Dear Madam,

**Subject: Your application for access to documents –  
Ref GestDem No 2021- 0560**

We refer to your e-mail dated 30/01/2021 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 30/01/2021 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to:

- draft list of all regional groups for the 2013, 2015, 2017, and 2019 PCI lists;
- ranking of PCI projects in all regional groups for the 2013, 2015, 2017, and 2019 PCI lists;
- working documents and correspondence related to the establishment of the first (2013), second (2015), third (2017) and fourth (2019) PCI lists. (working documents of DG ENER and cabinet of Commissioner for energy, correspondence between Cabinet officials and DG ENER, working documents of the regional groups etc., correspondence and meetings with stakeholders etc.);
- working documents of regional groups for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th PCI lists (including ranking of PCI projects established by regional groups);
- correspondence and minutes of meetings between DG ENER and the European Parliament related to the establishment of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th PCI list;
- correspondence and minutes of meetings between DG ENER and the European Council/Member States related to the establishment of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th PCI list.

We consider your request to cover documents ranging from 1 January 2012 held up to the date of your application, i.e. 30/01/2021.

Having examined the documents requested under the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents, I would like to inform you that we

could retrieve only part of the documents within the scope of your request, given the time lapsed.

The documents identified are:

- First PCI list: Regulation (EU)1391/2013 of 13 October 2013
- Second PCI list: Regulation (EU) 2016/89 18 November 2015
- Third PCI list: Regulation (EU) 2018/540 of 23 November 2017
- Fourth PCI list: Regulation (EU) 2020/389 of 31 October 2019
- 2019 Consultation on the list of candidate PCI for oil
- 2019 Consultation on the list of candidate PCI for CO2 networks
- 2019 Consultation on the list of candidate PCI for smart grids
- 2019 Consultation on the list of candidate PCI in gas
- 2018 Consultation on the list of candidate PCI in electricity infrastructure
- 2017 Consultation on the 3rd list of proposed PCIs in energy infrastructure and additional projects in oil and smart grids and cross-border carbon dioxide transport (CO2 networks)
- 2014-2015 Consultation on the 2nd list of proposed PCIs in energy infrastructure in the field of smart grids and additional projects in oil, gas and electricity
- 2012 First consultation on potential PCIs (May-June), second consultation on potential PCIs (June- October)
- Delegated Regulation establishing the EU's 4th PCI list (EU) 2020/389
- Commission Staff Working Document accompanying the 4th PCI list SWD (2019) 395 final
- Memo: Questions and answers on the PCIs in energy (October 2019)
- Technical document for 3rd PCI list (April 2018)
- Delegated Regulation amending Regulation on guidelines for trans-European energy infrastructure (EU) No 347/2013 (C(2017) 7834 final)
- Annex to the Delegated Regulation C(2017) 7834 final
- Commission Staff Working Document on the third (2017) PCI list SWD(2017) 425 final
- List of PCIs per Member State (23 November 2017)
- Communication on strengthening Europe's energy network (November 2017)
- Regulation on guidelines for trans-European energy infrastructure (EU) No 347/2013

These documents and working documents of Regional Groups are public and can be consulted on the website of the DG ENER:

[https://ec.europa.eu/energy/topics/infrastructure/projects-common-interest/key-cross-border-infrastructure-projects\\_en#the-pci-lists](https://ec.europa.eu/energy/topics/infrastructure/projects-common-interest/key-cross-border-infrastructure-projects_en#the-pci-lists)

All the presented materials and methodologies can be easily accessed in the platform of European Commission CIRCABC, **13 TEN-E Regional Group Meetings** for which you are already a member.

Furthermore, you will find in attachments the minutes of the Regional groups meeting and European Parliament meetings; the communications (which includes emails, and letters) between the former and current Commissioner for Energy as well as his/her cabinet and officials and representatives of DG Energy with the EU Parliament (MEPs,

assistants, advisors, secretariat and any other staff) concerning the topic of the Union list of Projects of Common Interest (PCI list),

Concerning the minutes from decision-making bodies and ranking of PCI we regret to inform you that access cannot be granted, as disclosure is prevented by exceptions to the right of access laid down in Article 4.3 of the Regulation No 1049/2001 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents.

Please note that the minutes of all the meetings were drawn up for internal use under the responsibility of the relevant officials of the Directorate-General for Energy. It solely reflects the author's interpretation of the interventions made and does not set out any official position of the third parties to which the document refers, which was not consulted on its content. It does not reflect the position of the Commission and cannot be quoted as such.

Some parts of the documents enclosed have been white held as its disclosure is prevented by exceptions concerning the protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual pursuant to Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, because it contains the following personal data:

- the names/initials and contact information of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management;
- the names/initials and contact details of other natural persons;
- handwritten signatures/abbreviated signatures of natural persons;
- other information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person [email address].

Your sincerely,

Head of Unit  
*e-signed*

c.c.: ENER ACCES DOCUMENTS

Annexes:

1. List of documents covered by the request;
2. Regulation No 1049/2001 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents;
3. Minutes of the Regional Groups meetings.
4. Communications and other documents.