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Dear Chairwoman of the Industry, Research and Energy Committee,

Dear Ms Vălean,

Since 2013, the Regulation (EU) 347/2013 on guidelines for trans-European energy networks (the TEN-E Regulation) created a robust framework for accelerating energy infrastructure development in Europe. Energy infrastructures contribute to the well-functioning of the energy market, underpin the energy transition and the decarbonisation goals of the Energy Union and deliver secure and affordable energy to all Europeans.

In this context, the identification of projects of common interest (PCIs) is central.

On 4 October we reached an important milestone in the preparation of the fourth European Union list of PCIs. In line with the provisions of TEN-E Regulation, the decision-making bodies of the Regional Groups adopted the regional lists of PCIs. The Union list, in the form of a draft delegated act, was transmitted for final consultation today, 16 October, to Member States' experts and to the European Parliament and the Council, in line with the Inter-institutional Agreement on Better Law-Making in view of the final adoption by the Commission envisaged by the end of October.

The draft delegated act, its annex and the accompanying Commission staff working document are enclosed to this letter. As regards the projects connected to the United Kingdom, I would like to clarify that the list has been prepared in a context where the United Kingdom is a Member State. Once the United Kingdom leaves the European Union, the compliance of these projects with the criteria for projects of common interest will be reassessed, notably the requirement of having a cross-border impact between two Member States, in function of the terms of the UK withdrawal from the EU.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the European Parliament for its support for EU energy infrastructure policy and its involvement in the process of preparation of the fourth list of PCIs. The Commission is committed to pursuing our political dialogue in this regard. I and my services stand ready to present the draft list, the process and the criteria and to exchange views with the Honourable Members of the Industry, Research and Energy Committee in the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely,

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