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Sent: jeudi 16 janvier 2020 19:19
To: [REDACTED] (EP)
Cc: [REDACTED]
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RE: TEN-E review process and PCI questions

Dear [REDACTED],

With apologies for the delay, please find below the answers to the questions raised in your mail below.
If you have any other query, do not hesitate to get back to us.

Best regards

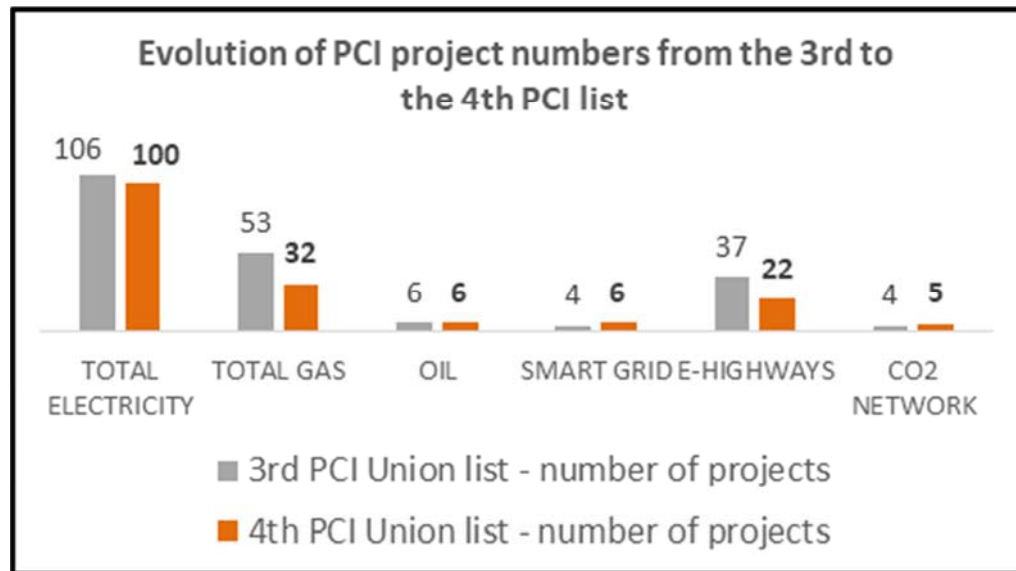
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The below table shows a comparison of the figures:



The difference in the numbers of electricity projects between the 3rd and the 4th list are main related to their commissioning.

The 4th list includes the following new projects:

- the North Sea Wind Power Hub and the NeuConnect, interconnections tapping into the offshore wind potential of the in the North Seas
- Several infrastructure investments under the Baltic synchronisation, needed for the synchronising the three Baltic States with the Continental European networks and ensuring the independence of the electricity networks for the current IPS/UPS system;
- three hydro-pump electricity storages in Germany, Spain and Ireland supporting the integration of renewables by ensuring flexibility and balancing services to the system
- three new electricity smart grid projects and two new CO2 network projects. One smart grid project and on CO2 project have not been resubmitted by the promoters, hence the difference between the 3rd and the 4th lists.

The assessment showed that these projects respond to infrastructure needs in the different regions of the EU and their benefits were higher than the costs by contributing to all the objectives of the Energy Union.

All these projects are not on the 3rd PCI list. In case the 4th list would not be approved by the Parliament, these would not be eligible for funding under the Connecting Europe Facility, neither would they benefit from other provisions of the TEN-E regulation, such as simplified permit granting.

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We are currently preparing a timetable for the TEN-E review process. Based on a provisional timetable, public consultations are expected to take place in the 2nd quarter of this year. In parallel we expect to have a series of targeted stakeholder exchanges with all relevant stakeholders. We are of course keen to have a close dialogue with the EP to ensure that your views are fully reflected in this process.

A Commission internal interservice group with all relevant DGs will follow the review process. The review process will be supported by an external study which has been awarded to ECORYS Nederland B.V.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2019 11:52 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: TEN-E review process and PCI questions

Dear [REDACTED],

I hope all is well, and you are soon off for holidays.

I work for MEP Niinistö, we met after the ITRE discussion with Simson on the PCIs. I have two questions that I hope you, or someone from your team could answer?

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These issues are not of great urgency, but I wish, if possible to receive an answer in early January, if that is possible

In the meantime,
I wish you happy holidays!

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