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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you and Mr Nica for reaching out to us on this specific project.

The PCI Cluster 1.10 United Kingdom – Norway interconnections (North Sea link and NorthConnect) is a PCI since 2013. In 2014 and 2016 it received grants under CEF for studies, as follows:

- 2014: €31,300,000 for [technical design](#)
- 2016: €10,756,224 for [Studies and preparatory activities leading to investment decision](#)

The UK-Norway interconnector is a PCI on the 4th PCI list in line with the general criteria set in Article 4.1 (para. c(iii)) of the TEN-E Regulation and following assessment of the specific criteria set in Article 4.2.

The PCI label is a pre-condition, not a guarantee for funding under the Connecting Europe Facility.

During the transition period, PCI 1.10 is considered eligible for funding under CEF. The general criteria for the PCI status for PCI 1.10 will be reassessed at the end of the transition period, which will possibly impact its eligibility for funding under CEF.

Hope this helps.

Please do not hesitate to come back should you need further clarifications.

Best,

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Dear all,

Thank you for the active support these days. I have a very specific question from Mr. Nica regarding the UK- Norway project.

Is this projects going to be still financed? On the 4thg or 3rd PCI list. Any extra details on this would be very appreciated.

Kind regards,

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Dear ██████████, dear ██████████,

we had the chance to meet during the meeting with Mr. Nica some days ago on the PCI list and the TEN-E Revision. The debate on these issues is very animated in the Parliament and it will be even more animated next week and in Strasbourg when the objection to the 4th PCI list rejected in ITRE will be presented again in plenary.

Many Members are trying to find useful information to understand the consequences of the rejection of the list and as you can imagine, it is particularly important to have clear and comprehensive answers to some questions.

We have tried to gather the most significant ones, which are listed below.

Can I count on your support to receive the answers?

Thank you for your cooperation,

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1. Why is the 4th PCI list better for the environment than the 3rd one? Why does it contribute more to achieving the goals of the green deal than the 3rd?
2. Which concrete renewable projects are on the 4th but not the 3rd list and would risk losing funding/admin support? Which of these are actually likely to apply for funding concerning their readiness level?
3. Are there gas projects that are on the 3rd but not 4th list that would potentially continue to get or now apply for funding if we fall back to the 3rd list?
4. Can you lay out the concrete procedure (time-line) for the case on an objection to the 4th list? (when will the new list, the 5th, be proposed? Will the commission propose an alternative 4th?)
5. Are there any very criticized gas projects on the 3rd list that are not anymore on the 4th?
6. What is the difference on the UK projects (overall) between the 3rd and the 4th PCI list?
7. As the consultation process for the selection of the 5th PCI list has already started, how can the European Parliament be involved, even before the release of the revision of the TEN-E regulation?
8. Why the Commission is still including projects on Oil Supply Connections networks in the 4th list even though they contradict with the Climate targets and the pathway toward carbon neutrality?