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Subject: Your application for access to documents – EASE 2022/7357

Dear Mr. Pace,

We refer to your e-mail of 12 December 2022 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 12 December 2022 under the above-mentioned reference number.

In your application you request access to the following documents: *All documents—including but not limited to correspondence, emails, minutes, notes (hand written or electronic), audio or video recordings, verbatim reports, operational conclusions, lines to take, briefings, and presentations—related to the meeting on October 7 between Virginijus Sinkevičius and RWE AG and Vattenfall.*

We regret to inform you that DG ENV does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application. In this regard, I would however like draw your attention to access to documents request 2022/5940, made by Global Witness and registered on 18/10/2022, which relates to the same meeting of October 7. This request was addressed via the reply issued by DG MARE on 1 December 2022 [Ares(2022)8327343].

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 DG ENV, we are 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:

by asking for a review via your portal¹ account (available only for initial requests submitted via the portal account),

¹ <https://www.ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-request>

or by mail:

European Commission
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Yours sincerely,

Electronically signed

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