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Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref. EASE 2023/0306

Dear Ms Marchand,

We refer to your request for public access to documents, registered on 21/03/2023 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You requested public access pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 to:

“1- All correspondence (including email, SMS, private twitter and WhatsApp) since 1st February 2022 between Commissioner McGuinness, and/or her cabinet and/or officials from DG FISMA with representatives from TotalEnergies or with PR companies or law firms representing the company in which TotalEnergies LNG activities in Russia and partnership with Novatek were discussed.

2- All correspondence (including email, SMS, private twitter and WhatsApp) since 1st February 2022 between Commissioner McGuinness, and/or her cabinet and/or officials from DG FISMA with representatives from the French Ministry of Economy and Finance in which TotalEnergies LNG activities in Russia and partnership with Novatek were discussed.

3- All briefings, minutes of meetings, and correspondence between representatives of TotalEnergies or PR companies or law firms representing TotalEnergies to Commissioner McGuinness, and/or her cabinet and/or officials from DG FISMA mentioning “Yamal LNG” OR “Arctic LNG” OR “Novatek” OR “Timchenko” OR “Timtchenko” OR “Mikhelson” since 1st February 2022

4- All briefings, minutes of meetings, and correspondence between representatives of the French Ministry of Economy and Finance to Commissioner McGuinness, and/or her cabinet and/or officials from DG FISMA mentioning “Yamal LNG” OR “Arctic LNG” OR “Novatek” OR “Timchenko” OR “Timtchenko” OR “Mikhelson” since 1st February 2022.”

We regret to inform you that DG FISMA does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application. Given that no such documents

corresponding to the description given in your application, are held by the Commission, the Commission is 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 to the Secretariat-General of the Commission within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter. You can submit it in one of the following ways:

by asking for a review via your portal ⁽¹⁾ account (available only for initial requests submitted via the portal account),

or by mail:

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or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours sincerely,

e-signed
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⁽¹⁾ <https://www.ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-request>