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Ms Cécile Marchand

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Subject: Your confirmatory application for access to documents under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 – EASE 2023/0306

Dear Ms Marchand,

I am writing in reference to your confirmatory application registered on 21 March 2023, submitted in accordance with Article 7(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents ¹ (hereafter 'Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001').

Your confirmatory application was submitted in relation to your initial application of 16 January 2023, registered on 17 January 2023, in which you requested access 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

¹ OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43.

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’

The initial request was assigned to the Directorate-General for Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union. As you did not receive an initial reply within the statutory time limits, you submitted a confirmatory application on 20 March 2023.

In the meantime, the initial reply in question was sent to you on 3 April 2023 under reference number Ares(2023)2384753.

Against this background, the Secretariat-General will close your confirmatory application related to the lack of initial reply.

You remain entitled to submit a new confirmatory application in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, should you wish to request a review of the initial reply of 3 April 2023.

Yours sincerely,

Mariusz Daca
Deputy Head of Unit