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Paris, the 30th of June 2016

Dear Commissioner,

Following our meeting on the last 2d of June, we are very pleased to confirm that the 2016 annual Conference of the Union Française de l'Electricité (UFE) will take place on November 3rd 2016 in Paris.

For the last 6 years, this event broke into the national scene as a major "rendez-vous" putting together policy makers, civil society, and representatives of the whole French and European electricity industry, to co-design a smarter and more performant energy system.

This year again, few weeks before the delivery of a crucial package for a new Energy market design, many high level speakers will be invited to present their views on a very hot topic for the energy sector: "From smart cities to smart Europe: RE-powering the low-carbon transition".

We will be honored to welcome among others: Mr. [REDACTED] of Economy, Industry and Digital Affairs; Mrs [REDACTED] of ENGIE, [REDACTED] of EDF, Mr. [REDACTED] of RTE, Mr. [REDACTED] of Orange, Mr. [REDACTED] of IBM France and many more...

We also strongly believe this event would be an ideal tribune to heighten awareness amongst more than 500 energy stakeholders, on the benefits of a European approach to achieve a cost-efficient energy transition, while reinforcing the EU's role as a leader in a globalized energy world.

As you advocated during our meeting, the European Union will be at the frontline of two major issues for the energy sector: on the one hand, addressing the increasing share of intermittent energy sources and the shift towards a more decentralized European electricity system, which will be at the core of the future « Market Design » package expected by the end of the year; on the other hand, one year ahead of an historical COP21 agreement and few days before the beginning of COP22, the European Union must hold on to its climate leadership at a global level, and convert this commitment into green jobs and growth opportunities for the EU.

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At these troubled moments, it appears more than necessary for Europe to stand united and forward looking. We would therefore be honored to welcome you as our high-level guest speaker, by opening or closing our annual Conference in Paris, in order to deliver a strong political message to the high level audience.

Please accept, Dear Commissioner, the insurance of our highest consideration.

