To: aho.com
Subject: Re: Thesis regarding energy in Western Balkan - RE: IAP & Submarine cable Albania to Italy

Dear Mr,

Mr Ristori asked me to reply to your e-mail of 7 February on IAP and the Italy Albania submarine cable.

Concerning the submarine cable Italy-Albania, the project received the status of "Project of Energy Community Interest-PECI" for the first PECI list which was adopted in 2014; however the PECI status has not been renewed for this project when the second list was adopted in 2016. Therefore the Commission cannot comment on the costs of the projects, nor on details such as routing options. For more information on PECI projects please visit: https://www.energy-community.org/portal/page/portal/ENC_HOME/AREAS_OF_WORK/Instruments/Investments/PECIs

On the other hand a Project of Common Interest (PCI), the "Interconnector Italy-Montenegro", aims to connect Italy with a non EU country on the other side of the Adriatic Sea. This project has not received financial support by the Commission under the specific funding programmes for Trans-European Networks, the Connecting Europe Facility. More information on PCI can be found under https://ec.europa.eu/energy/en/topics/infrastructure/projects-common-interest. Whereas specific and updated information on the Interconnector Italy Montenegro, including on its objectives, costs and benefits, can be found under the Ten Year Network Development Plan 2016, https://www.entsoe.eu/Documents/TYNDP%20documents/TYNDP%202016/projects/TYNDP2016-project-sheets.pdf

The Ionian Adriatic Pipeline (IAP), promoted by Plinacro from Croatia, is a Project of Mutual Interest (PMI) as per the Recommendation of the Ministerial Council of the Energy Community Treaty (details are available under: https://www.energy-community.org/portal/page/portal/ENC_HOME/DOCS/4364459/3F10145B34697000E053C92FA8C08EFF.pdf). It is however not a PCI project.

The projects TAP and IGB are PCI projects. There have been EU grants approved to TAP 1) from TEN-E €2,882,209 and 2) from the latest call of the Connecting Europe Facility for Energy € 14,018,347 (for the latter https://ec.europa.eu/energy/sites/ener/files/documents/list_of_all_projects_receiving_eu_support_under_the_current_call.pdf). Whilst the IGB project has been awarded €45,000,000 from the EEPR programme.
TAP is expected to be commissioned in 2020, and IGB in 2018 or 2019 the earliest.

Best regards,

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-----Original Message-----
From: c [mailto:c a]
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2017 10:10 am
To: RISTORI Dominique (ENER)
Subject: Fw: IAP & Submarine cable Albania to Italy

Hello

Can you please help me with the questions in the email below.

Regards

--- On Wed, 1/11/17, a < i@yahoo.com> wrote:
> From: c [mailto:c a]
> Subject: IAP & Submarine cable Albania to Italy
> To: dominique.ristori@ec.europa.eu
> Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2017, 2:07 PM
> Hello Mr Ristori.
> My name is ... and I am a student from Albania
> preparing a thesis regarding energy in Western Balkan (WB)
> region. I have made some questions regarding IAP (Ionian
> Adriatic Pipeline) and I would like to ask again some
questions regarding a very important project: Submarine cable between Italy and Albania.
As far as I know from internet searching (I read this in internet: http://www.icis.com/resources/news/2015/03/05/9866004/albania-positioning-itself-as-hydro-export-route-to-italy/)
the submarine cable between Albania and Italy is on the list of projects of Energy Community Interest. I have some questions for European Commission (EC).

1. Do you have an approximate cost for this project (submarine cable Italy Albania)?
2. Is EC going to fund this project because of its importance?
3. Will EC support the construction of submarine cables between Italy and Montenegro and Croatia? As far as I know Montenegro is constructing such cable.
4. Will the entire WB region be connected with Italy?
5. What are the costs regarding the construction of submarine cables between Italy and Montenegro, and Croatia?
6. Can submarine cable between Italy and Albania constructed in the same locations where Trans Adriatic Pipeline (TAP) will be constructed (under the Adriatic sea)?
7. Will this cable be parallel with TAP so this would reduce costs for this projects? Costs will also be reduced due to the fact that Albania is closer to Italy than Montenegro and Croatia.

Please read the correspondence below with Mr Pustkowski. It would be very helpful if you would answer these questions.

--- On Wed, 1/4/17, Marion.Pustkowski@ec.europa.eu
<Marion.Pustkowski@ec.europa.eu>
wrote:

From: Marion.Pustkowski@ec.europa.eu
<Marion.Pustkowski@ec.europa.eu>
Subject: RE: Ionian Adriatic Pipeline (IAP)
To: yahoo.com
Date: Wednesday, January 4, 2017, 3:54 PM
Dear :
Vice-President Šef?ović?
would like to thank you for your e-mail of 13 December 2016 regarding the Ionian Adriatic Pipeline (IAP) and energy security in the Western Balkan region.
Vice-President Šef?ovi? asked me to inform you that your letter has been transmitted to the General responsible for Energy, Mr Dominique Ristori (e-mail: dominique.ristori@ec.europa.eu). Mr Ristori is looking into the points you have raised and will respond to you rapidly.

Yours sincerely,

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-----Original Message-----
From: marito [mailto:]
Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2016 3:58 PM
To: CAB SEFCOVIC WEB
Subject: Ionian Adriatic Pipeline (IAP)

Hello

My name is and I am a student from Albania. I would like to take some information from EC regarding the Ionian Adriatic Pipeline (IAP) because I am preparing a thesis in energy security in Western Balkan (WB) region.

My questions are as follows:

1. Is the IAP project a priority (after Trans Adriatic Pipeline) for European Commission (EC)? Is this project included in Projects of Common Interest (PCI)?

2. Are the projects TAP, IAP, IGB (Interconnector Greece Bulgaria) of priority for EC and is EC funding or helping in anyway these three projects?

3. As far as I know the TAP project will finish in 2019-2020 period, IGB will finish in
2018-2019. Is it correct?

4. IAP project

will be constructed by SOCAR company in Azerbaijan. Is this true?

5. Is EC interested in building IAP project?

IAP will start from Albania (from TAP) and will finish in Croatia (Split) where it will be connected with Croatian gas system.

It would be very helpful to have these informations from Mr Seficovic cabinet because he is responsible for Energy Union in EU.

Thanks in advance
Dear Mr,

Vice-President Šefčovič would like to thank you for your e-mail of 13 December 2016 regarding the Ionian Adriatic Pipeline (IAP) and energy security in the Western Balkan region.

Vice-President Šefčovič asked me to inform you that your letter has been transmitted to the Director General responsible for Energy, Mr Dominique Ristori (e-mail: dominique.ristori@ec.europa.eu). Mr Ristori is looking into the points you have raised and will respond to you rapidly.

Yours sincerely,

Bernd BIERVERT
Mr

Your e-mail has been transferred from the Cabinet of Vice-President Maros Sefcovic to our Unit of the Directorate General for Energy in charge of networks and regional initiatives. We have been in touch concerning the very same topic back in 2012.

I hope this finds you well and you recovered from the car accident you had at the time.

Thank you for the information and your opinion on the role of LNG in South East Europe. As you probably know, the role of LNG in the EU in general is underlined through our infrastructure policy with the identification of several LNG terminals in South-East Europe as Projects of Common Interest under the Regulation on the Guidelines for Trans-European Energy Infrastructure. You will find the complete list of projects while using the following link: http://ec.europa.eu/energy/infrastructure/transparencv plataforma/map-viewer/

In addition, you are probably aware that, as indicated in the recently published Energy Union Package, the Commission will prepare a comprehensive LNG strategy, which will also look into the necessary transport infrastructure linking LNG access points with the internal market.

You will find more details using the following link: http://ec.europa.eu/priorities/energy-union/docs/energyunion_en.pdf. This also underlines the potential role of LNG in order to establish the Energy Union.

I hope this clarifies our views on the role of LNG, being through the use of FSRU or land terminals.

Best regards,

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From: ; Sent: 16 March 2015 09:07
To: ; Cc: (ENER)
Subject: RE: New contact for South Gas Corridor

To
Commissioner Mr. Maros Sefcovic
Vice President for Energy Union

Honorable Mr. Šefčovic,

Congratulations for your new position and I hope that your presence in this position will be a new opportunity for a better and safer EU’s natural gas’ market.

I would be very much appreciated if you would have a look to the attached report. I had forwarded this report on November 2nd 2010, to the prior Commissioner for Energy Mr. Günther Oettinger.

The reason that I did it was because I had predicted that the proposed gas pipelines ITGI, Nabucco and South Stream was impossible to be a reality. Thus I had proposed a FSRU LNG Concept which was more realistic. Furthermore I had discussed this concept with the diplomacy of Qatar and they were interested. Please mention that Qatari’s interest was before Fucushima’s nuclear disaster.

On March 24th 2011, I received an e-mail from Mr. , Directorate-General for Energy, Unit B.1 Security of Supply and Networks. Mr. invited me to Brussels to discuss the concept in depth.

Immediately I informed Greek Government’s Energy Authorities and I asked support. But due different strategy or due any other reason, I didn’t receive any support. Finally I informed Mr. that without government support it was difficult to go on.

My last contact with a European Commission’s official about this concept was with Mr. , Adviser of Task Force Greece, here in Athens on January 27th 2012.

Maybe the status is a little different today than the situation is described to the attached report, but what has sense is that if you will read Mr. Günther Oettinger’s interview in the following link, you will find out that I had proposed the same idea in 2010.


On March 2013, I forwarded an official petition to European Union’s Leadership that you could read in the following link of Euractiv:
http://guests.blogactiv.eu/2013/03/21/open-letter-to-the-three-eu-political-leaders-from-a-greek-citizen/

The reason that I did it was because I was sure that DESFA’s privatization was a mistake according the way that happened and this procedure would be a risk for EU’s gas market security of supply. Furthermore I’m afraid that SOCAR has connected DESFA’s acquisition with TAP pipeline construction.

It’s obvious that your mission is very difficult and European Commission has to choose carefully what is risky less. The dependency from Russia or the dependency from Russia and Turkey? This is a critical decision you have to receive and in case you need any assistance to this, please be informed that I’m interested to work with your team. My long term experience as the prior representative of POYRY GROUP is connected with South Gas Corridor and it would be a big honor for me if I would present you an alternative.

Awaiting your response.

Thank you in advance.

Sincerely yours,
Gas Strategy Development Consultant

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