Dear Commissioner Simson,

I am writing to invite you to deliver a keynote address at the Eurogas Annual Conference, which is the annual conference of the European gas industry that is held in Brussels each year.

The conference will look to address the issues for the energy sector in relation to a carbon-neutral EU by 2050 and meeting 2030 climate and energy objectives. During the conference we will focus on whether any single pathway can ensure that the EU achieves our shared objectives. Two panels will discuss how the way we produce and consume energy in 2050 will be different from today; and how the transition to a sustainable EU economy can be financed. A draft programme is attached. All panellists are in the process of being invited.

We would be very pleased if you would address the participants to outline what you expect from the gas industry in relation to an environmentally, socially and economically sustainable transformation of Europe to become the first climate neutral continent.

The conference will take place on the 19th of March 2020 in the Renaissance Hotel. Your speech would be in the closing session, starting at 16:50.

The keynote would be roughly 10 minutes in length and would not involve Q&A, unless specifically asked for by yourself.

I would be delighted if you would be able to join us and look forward to hearing from you soon.
Best wishes

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