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Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2020/1515

Dear Ms Dadci,

We refer to your e-mail dated 16/03/2020 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to:

the minutes of the following meetings:

- 1) 18/02/2020 between Commissioner Kadri Simson and The European Steel Association (EUROFER) on European Green Deal for the steel industry; clean energy technologies including hydrogen, renewables for clean steel production
- 2) 14/02/2020 between Commissioner Kadri Simson and Shell Companies (Shell) on Energy policy priorities of the Commission, impact of the Green Deal on the energy sector and innovative solutions that would help the EU reach its climate and energy targets
- 3) 13/02/2020 between Helena Hinto and European Energy Network (EnR) on Introduction of European Green Deal and 2020 energy initiatives
- 4) 14/02/2020 between Laure Chapuis-Kombos and Shell Companies (Shell) on Energy policy priorities of the Commission, impact of the Green Deal on the energy sector and innovative solutions that would help the EU reach its climate and energy targets

- 5) 18/02/2020 between Kitti Nyitrai, Stefano Grassi and The European Steel Association (EUROFER) on European Green Deal for the steel industry; clean energy technologies including hydrogen, renewables for clean steel production
- 6) 02/03/2020 between Laure Chapuis-Kombos and ELECTRICITE DE FRANCE (EDF) on Green Deal, climate law, dialogues with 3rd countries, renewables.
- 7) 17/12/2019 between Director-General Ditte Juul Jorgensen and International Association of Oil & Gas Producers (IOGP) on Green Deal, methane emissions and decarbonisation
- 8) 18/12/2019 between Director-General Ditte Juul Jorgensen and Gas Infrastructure Europe (GIE) on Green Deal, methane emissions and decarbonisation
- 9) 30/01/2020 between Director-General Ditte Juul Jorgensen and Gas Distributors for Sustainability (GD4S) on Green Deal and Renewable gas in Europe
- 10) 31/01/2020 between Director-General Ditte Juul Jorgensen and European Chemical Industry Council (Cefic) on The role of the Energy Intensive Industries in the European Green Deal
- 11) 04/02/2020 between Director-General Ditte Juul Jorgensen and Euroheat & Power (EHP) on Green Deal and the role of decarbonising heating and cooling)
- 12) 20/02/2020 between Director-General Ditte Juul Jorgensen and Atlantic Council on EU -US energy cooperation and Energy Security in the context of the Green Deal

Fully accessible document

For documents n° 3, we are glad to inform you that you can have full access. Please find enclosed a copy of the document requested - Ares(2020)2860959.

Partially accessible documents

With regard to the documents n° 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, we are glad to inform you that you can have wide partial access, subject only to the redaction of personal data. Please find enclosed redacted copies of the identified documents - Ares(2020)1935653, Ares(2020)2228137, Ares(2020)2750199, Ares(2020)2749864, Ares(2020)2749405, Ares(2020)3112983, Ares(2020)2750308, Ares(2020)2750078.

Complete disclosure of these documents is prevented by the exception concerning the protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual outlined in Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, because it contains the following personal data:

- the name of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management;
- the names of other natural persons.

Article 9(1)(b) of the Data Protection Regulation does not allow the transmission of these personal data, except if you prove that it is necessary to have the data transmitted to you for a specific purpose in the public interest and where there is no reason to assume that the legitimate interests of the data subject might be prejudiced. In your request, you do not express any particular interest to have access to these personal data nor do you put forward any arguments to establish the necessity to have the data transmitted for a specific purpose in the public interest.

Documents not existing

For documents n° 6, the services of the Directorate General for Energy ("DG Energy") consulted the Cabinet of Commissioner Simson. However, they informed us that the meeting planned on 02/03/2020 with EDF did not take place.

As specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, the right of access as defined in that regulation applies only to existing documents in the possession of the institution.

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.

Means of redress

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 within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter to the Secretariat-General of the Commission at the following address:

European Commission Secretariat-General Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1) BERL 7/076 B-1049 Bruxelles

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

Yours faithfully,

(e-signed)

Ditte Juul Jørgensen