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Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2020/4459

Dear Mr Wetzels,

We refer to your e-mail dated 17 July 2020 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 22 July 2020 under the above-mentioned reference number.

Your application for access to documents was split among different Commission services, whereby each part is attributed to the respective Commission service under a separate Gestdem reference number. Each Director-General service provides its own, separate reply, which relates only to the documents held by that service.

DG CLIMA reply covers the following scope *“Any study, impact assessment, forecast, paper or other document related to, and all correspondence (including emails) sent or received by any Commission official (including Commissioner Frans Timmermans, Diederik Samson and his Cabinet members) concerning the following meetings:*

- i. *20/01/20 between Aleksandra Tomczak and Eurogas on the Challenges and goals for the gas sector on the way to EU climate neutrality*
- ii. *28/01/20 between Aleksandra Tomczak and PGE on the Decarbonisation in Poland and climate neutrality”*

Your application concerns the following documents:

	Author	Date	Reference
1	Eurogas	13/12/2019	Ares(2019)7680671

2	Eurogas	13/12/2019	Ares(2019)7680671
3	European Commission	14/01/2020	Ares(2020)218164
4	PGE/European Commission	05/03/2020	Ares(2020)1379950

Please find the identified document enclosed with this letter. However, I regret to inform you that I cannot give you access to some parts of the documents.

A complete disclosure of the above-mentioned 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 they contain: names and contact information of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management; names and contact details of other natural persons; other information relating to an identified.

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.

Consequently, I conclude that, pursuant to Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, access cannot be granted to the personal data contained in the requested documents, as the need to obtain access thereto for a purpose in the public interest has not been substantiated and there is no reason to think that the legitimate interests of the individuals concerned would not be prejudiced by disclosure of the personal data concerned.

In case you would disagree with this position, you are entitled, in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, to submit 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
Unit C.1. 'Transparency, Document Management and Access to Documents'
BERL 7/076
B-1049 Brussels, or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours sincerely,

(e-signed)

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