From: lundi 18 janvier 2021 12:30
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To: Funch (CAB-VESTAGER)
Cc: JENSEN Anne
Subject: RE: SolarPower Europe_Participation to the 04/02 Conference EU Competition policy and the European Green Deal

Dear [Name],

Referring to your below request for a meeting with Mr Jorgensen and Mrs Jensen, would Thursday 11 February at 10 am suits you ?
Please note that given the current situation only online meetings can take place .
Best regards,

European Commission
Cabinet of Margrethe Vestager
Executive Vice-President
for A Europe fit for Digital Age
Commissioner for Competition

From: Friday, January 15, 2021 5:15 PM
To: [Name]
Cc: Funch (CAB-VESTAGER)
Subject: RE: SolarPower Europe_Participation to the 04/02 Conference EU Competition policy and the European Green Deal

Dear [Name],

Many thanks for your email and for keeping us informed of the advancement of the programme. I registered to the conference and look forward to the discussion.

Nevertheless, we would be interested in taking the opportunity to organise a meeting with Mr. Jorgensen and Ms. Jensen, in February after the EU Competition policy and the Green Deal Policy conference, to share the views of the industry and have a discussion on the following topics:

- evolution of State aid mechanisms for renewable electricity: we are following the State aid frameworks at national level through our network of renewable industrial associations and have reflected our views in this position paper.
- State aid frameworks for renewable hydrogen: SolarPower Europe has founded recently the Renewable Hydrogen Coalition, representing the players of the renewable and electrolyser, and are chairing the hydrogen production working group of the Clean Hydrogen Alliance.
The future of PV manufacturing, as SolarPower Europe has engaged efforts to support the development of solar PV manufacturing activities in Europe. We have launched the Solar Manufacturing Accelerator, a platform aimed at structuring the solar PV value chain and enabling the development of new solar PV industrial projects.

Should such a discussion be of interest for you, I remain available to organise a meeting with you.

Best regards,

SolarPower Europe – Leading the Energy Transition
Transparency Register Number: 2680046412-48
Dear Executive Vice-President Vestager,

Dear Mr. Jorgensen,

On behalf of SolarPower Europe, the European association representing the solar industry active in Europe, I highly welcome the discussion opened by the European Commission on the perspective of the first conference on the EU competition policy compatibility with the European Green Deal on 4th February 2021.

SolarPower Europe is following closely the EU competition policy:
- The growth of solar PV has been largely driven by public State Aid, allowing important cost reductions. Yet, the increased cost-competitiveness of solar PV and its expected large-scale development question the possible evolutions of State Aid design. We have contributed to the evaluation of the previous State Aid guidelines and proposed new ideas in our 2019 paper attached.
- State aid will be instrumental to facilitate a rapid deployment of solar (and renewable) hydrogen for hard-to-abate sectors. SolarPower Europe has created, with WindEurope, the Renewable Hydrogen Coalition and chairs one of the Hydrogen Production working group of the Clean Hydrogen Alliance.
- The increased reliance of Europe on solar products and technologies raises the question of the European Solar industrial value chain. SolarPower Europe has supported the inclusion of solar PV as one strategic EU industrial sector as part of the reviewed Industrial Strategy and supports the launch of a European solar industrial alliance. We have already created in May 2020 the first Solar Manufacturing Accelerator, which aims at rebuilding and strengthening the European solar PV industrial value chain and at favouring the development of integrated projects.

We would therefore be honoured to actively participate to the upcoming 4th February Conference on the EU competition policy compatibility with the European Green Deal, in the person of [Name], and in particular on one of the three topics above.

I attach to my email our contribution to the call for contribution organised in October and November 2020. We are also preparing a contribution to the revision of the Energy and Environmental protection guidelines and the IPCEI Communication.

I remain available should you have further questions and to arrange a participation.

Respectfully,
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