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Dear Ms Juul-Jørgensen,

As President of Gas Distributors for Sustainability (GD4S), I have great pleasure in congratulating you on your appointment as Director-General of DG Energy and wish you every success in the role.

GD4S brings together six of the largest gas distribution system operators, serving 26 million customers in Europe and representing 86% of all gas vehicles registered in the EU. Our associated companies are strongly committed to contributing to the decarbonisation of the economy and aim at raising awareness of the potential of renewable gas in this respect.

We are aware that the coming years will be crucial in completing an ambitious European policy for energy transition, that will have to take into account all energy sources in order to reach the EU commitments regarding the Paris Agreement at highest cost-effectiveness.

GD4S believes in the potential of renewable gas as a credible and affordable solution to help reaching the EU's climate goals and we are fully convinced that gas grids offer an efficient, affordable and readily available solution as part of the energy transition and decarbonisation of the economy, since their flexibility is a key component to enable successful sector coupling.

Gas grids will also accommodate further development of biomethane, and the ability to progress blended and pure hydrogen networks.

Since its formation in 2016, GD4S has developed close collaboration with the European Commission. In particular, we met several times with DG Energy services and with your predecessor, Dominique Ristori, and as President of GD4S I was invited to participate in the Copenhagen Forum in May 2019.

We would be delighted to continue this cooperation and to meet with you, together with the other five CEOs members of the Steering Committee of GD4S, at your convenience this autumn.

GD4S remains at the European Commission's disposal to bring its expertise and feed the work of DG Energy to achieve a successful energy transition, from environmental, social and economic perspectives.

Yours Sincerely,

President of GD4S

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