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*By email:*

Thank you very much for your letter of 7 March 2022 to President Ursula von der Leyen, expressing your support and committed to the European project. I have been asked to respond on her behalf.

First of all, congratulations on your appointment. I wish you a lot of success on the new post. Transmission system operators, including Enagás will have an invaluable role in addressing the emergency and ensuring energy security of the European Union.

As underlined by the “RePowerEU” Communication, adopted on 8 March by the European Commission, ensuring that gas storage throughout the EU is sufficiently filled, is of vital importance in preparing for the next winter. In Versailles on 10-11 March 2022 and at the European Council of 24-25 March 2022, the EU leaders called for the European Commission to put forward a plan to ensure security of supply during the next winter season. The Commission has answered this call on 23 March when it published a legislative proposal, requiring, inter alia, Member States to ensure that their underground gas storage filled up to at least 80% of capacity by 1 November 2022, rising to 90% for the following years, with intermediary targets from February to October. We trust that Enagás will, within the scope of its mandate, support the achievement of the proposed targets.

Furthermore, we value very much the efforts you have made towards the diversification of gas supplies and promotion of clean energy sources, including hydrogen. These efforts are crucial in reducing our energy dependencies and are firmly supported by the European leaders, as seen in the Versailles declaration from 11 March and in the conclusions from the European Council of 24-25 March.

Yours sincerely,

