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Dear Ms [REDACTED],

The Centre on Regulation in Europe (CERRE) will organise an Executive Seminar in Brussels on Tuesday 14 June (13:30 – 18:00) entitled '*The Role of Gas in the Reformed Internal Energy Market*'. **I am pleased to invite Commissioner Cañete to deliver a keynote address at this seminar.** The precise timing of his address could be arranged to fit his schedule.

There has been much discussion since the launch of the Energy Union package on the role of gas in the changing energy fuel mix, and in particular the transition to a low carbon energy sector. A potential role as a flexible fuel source for the electricity sector to supplement variable renewable sources, greater roles for biogas, or the use of gas in the transport sector are frequently mentioned. However, as gas plants are mothballed across Europe, many in the sector see the environment for investment becoming tougher. Thus, the energy transition may be jeopardised by ignoring the need to maintain a positive investment climate for gas. Against this background, this CERRE event will identify what issues need to be accepted and progressed at policy level to define a clear role for gas in the energy transition, and the consequences of this for policy makers, regulators and the industry.

I would be delighted to welcome the Commissioner to this event to outline the Commission's view on these important topics.

CERRE is a Brussels-based, independent, not-for-profit think tank that advances the understanding and development of regulation in Europe's network industries. You can find more information about our organisation [here](#) and on our [website](#). **This event will bring together key decision-makers from both industry players and regulatory bodies, policy-makers from European and national institutions, and senior academics and independent experts.** It offers a significant opportunity for the Commissioner to address the entire range of stakeholders in the energy sector. Past speakers at these events have included national ministers, European Commissioners, and Commission Directors General.

I very much hope that the Commissioner will be able to accept this invitation and I remain at your disposal for any additional questions and/or clarifications.

Kind regards,

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