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By registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt

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Subject: Your application for access to documents - GestDem 2018/2670

Dear Mr Teffer,

We refer to your e-mail dated 9 May 2018 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 15 May 2018 under the above mentioned reference number.

You request access to all documents related to several specific meetings between the Commissioner for Energy and Climate Action and a number of different industry representatives.

Your application concerns the following documents:

	reference	date	sender
1	Ares(2017)4429685	11/09/2017	Statoil
2	Ares(2017)5442327	08/11/2017	Suez
		31/01/2018	
3	Ares(2017)5971229	06/12/2017	Sernauto
4	Ares(2017)6167747	15/12/2017	Enagas
5	Ares(2018)468271	26/01/2018	European Commission

These documents contain personal data, in particular names, direct email and office addresses, direct phone numbers and signatures (biometric data).

Pursuant to Article 4(1) (b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, access to a document has to be refused if its disclosure would undermine the protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual, in particular in accordance with Community legislation regarding the protection of personal data. The applicable legislation in this field is Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 on the

protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data<sup>1</sup>.

When access is requested to documents containing personal data, Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 becomes fully applicable<sup>2</sup>.

According to Article 8(b) of this Regulation, personal data shall only be transferred to recipients if they establish the necessity of having the data transferred to them and if there is no reason to assume that the legitimate rights of the persons concerned might be prejudiced.

We consider that, with the information available, the necessity of disclosing the aforementioned personal data to you has not been established and that it cannot be assumed that such disclosure would not prejudice the legitimate rights of the persons concerned. Therefore, we are disclosing a version of the documents requested in which these personal data have been redacted.

In case you would disagree with the assessment that the redacted data are personal data which can only be disclosed if such disclosure is legitimate under the applicable rules on the protection of personal data, you are entitled, in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001, to make 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 Secretary-General of the Commission at the following address:

European Commission Secretary-General Transparency unit SG-B-4 BERL 5/288 B-1049 Bruxelles

or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours sincerely,

Elina BARDRAM

Encl.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Official Journal L 8 of 12.1.2001, p. 1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Judgment of the Court of Justice of the EU of 29 June 2010 in case 28/08 P, Commission/The Bavarian Lager Co. Ltd, ECR 2010 I-06055.