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Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GESTDEM 2018/3472 - Ref Ares(2018)3404525.

Dear Mr Pascoe Sabido,

We refer to our letter dated 12 July 2018 requesting an extension of the deadline to provide the documents requested in your e-mail dated 25/06/2018. In particular you request access to the following documents:

- A list of all lobby meetings held between DG MOVE and Fluxys, Enagás, SNAM, GRTgaz and/or Gas Infrastructure Europe, and/or their affiliates/representatives (e.g. lobby consultancies) since 1 January 2013. The list should include: date, Commission attendees, the name of the organisation(s) attending and a more precise meeting topic.
- The minutes of all lobby meetings held between DG MOVE and Fluxys, Enagás, SNAM, GRTgaz and/or Gas Infrastructure Europe, and/or their affiliates/representatives (e.g. lobby consultancies) since 1 January 2013.
- Any correspondence between DG MOVE and Fluxys, Enagás, SNAM, GRTgaz and/or Gas Infrastructure Europe, and/or their affiliates/representatives (e.g. lobby consultancies) since 1 January 2013. This should include but not be limited to correspondence related to the aforementioned meetings, as well as all other email and letter exchanges. It should also include all attachments and accompanying documents contained within the correspondence.

We note that your application concerns a very large task of research due to the high number of organizations involved and the inclusion of their affiliates/representatives which are not identified in your application. Therefore, such a detailed analysis cannot be carried out within the normal time limits set out in Article 7 of Regulation 1049/2001.

We would like to inform you that Article 6(3) of Regulation 1049/2001 provides that in the event of an application relating to a very long document or to very large number of documents or to a large task of research as it is the case, the institution concerned may confer with the applicant informally, with a view to finding a fair solution.

Based on the above-mentioned provision, we would kindly ask you to specify the objective of your request and your specific interest in the documents requested¹, and to narrow down the scope of your request (i.e. the subject matter(s), the timeframe (to reduce it to 2017-2018) and to make this research of documents only for the organizations above mentioned and not for their affiliates and representatives)), so as to reduce it to a more manageable amount the task of research of the documents concerned.

According to our first estimates, and taking into account the summer period of holidays and the reduced staff in this period, the handling of your request would take 50 working days², broken down as follows:

- identification of the documents falling under your request: 5 working days;
- retrieval and establishment of a complete list of the documents identified: 2 working days;
- scanning of the documents: 1 working day;
- assessment of the content of the documents in light of the exceptions of Article 4 of Regulation 1049/2001: 3 working days;
- Third-party consultations under Article 4(4) and/or 4(5) of Regulation 1049/2001: 20 working days];
- Final assessment of the documents in light of the comments received: 10 working days;
- drafting of the reply: 1 working days;
- redaction of those parts of the documents to which one or several exceptions apply(ies): 2 working days;
- internal approval of the draft decision on your request: 5 working days;
- preparation of the reply and the documents for dispatch (scanning of the redacted versions, administrative treatment,...): 1 working days.

In order to enable us to respect the time-limits of Regulation 1049/2001, we would ask you for a swift reply to our invitation to propose a fair solution, within five working days at the latest:

- by email to: claire.depre@ec.europa.eu

If you have any questions concerning the invitation, you can contact us:

- by email at: claire.depre@ec.europa.eu

¹ Taking into account other applications for access to documents and other tasks that the staff concerned are likely to have to deal with during the same period.

² Taking into account other applications for access to documents and other tasks that the staff concerned are likely to have to deal with during the same period.

In the absence of a reply within five working days, we will unilaterally restrict the scope of your application to those parts that can be dealt with within the extended deadline of 50 working days, counting from the date of this letter (new deadline: 8 October 2018).

Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Yours faithfully,



Claire DEPRE
Head of Unit

