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Dear Madam,

## Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2020/1005

We refer to your e-mail dated 19/02/2020 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 19/02/2020 under the above mentioned reference number.

You request access to:

- all communications (which includes emails, letters or faxes etc.);
- all records of meetings (meeting agenda, participants, briefing papers and minutes);

between the Commission (former and current Commissioners, their cabinet as well as representatives with officials of the Commission) and consultancies, trade associations and lobby groups working on gas (Eurogas, BusinessEurope, HydrogenEurope, IOGP, CEPS, TSOs (Enagas, Fluxys, GRTgaz, Swedegas, REN - Redes Energéticas Nacionais, Terega, TenneT etc.) concerning the topic of the Union list of Projects of Common Interest (PCI list) between 1 August 2019 and 19 February 2020.

We consider your request to cover documents ranging from 1 August 2019 held up to the date of your application, i.e. 19/02/2020.

Please note that your application concerns also document that originated from a third party. With a view to handling this application, under the provisions of Regulation (EC) No

1049/2001 regarding public access to documents, I have come to the conclusion that the mentioned document can be disclosed only after consulting the third-party that originated the documents. You will be informed as soon as the third-party replies to our consultation, no later than within 7 working days.

Please note that as regards third-party documents, Article 4, paragraph 4 of Regulation 1049/2001 provides that the institution shall consult the third party with a view to assessing whether an exception in paragraph 1 or 2 is applicable, unless it is clear that the document: shall or shall not be disclosed.

Please find attached Ares(2020)500517 on Consultation on the candidate Projects of Common Interest in gas infrastructure and Ares(2019)6081618 on the Commission's reply to a letter from InfraStrataPlc.

Yours sincerely,

Joachim BALKE Head of Unit e-signed

Enclosure: copy of the documents and e-mails requested

c.c.: ENER ACCES DOCUMENTS