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Business Europe: [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

Commission: DJJ, [REDACTED]

- **Renewable energy directive:**

[REDACTED]: RED II not yet implemented and are already moving to RED III, thus existing target governance should be maintained; scope needs to be enlarged to include carbon technologies to address hard to abate sectors; want to extend binding EU targets to low carbon; industrial consumption; ameliorate permitting processes; increase trust for GO and expand to low carbon H2; question whether RED should cover industrial processes, concerned about possible overlaps (“could raise eyebrows”), ;

DJJ: thanks for input; agrees timing is tight but EGD leaves no way around increasing targets of RED and EED; electrification to decarbonize requires more RES; it’s a targeted review; explained that target structure stays the same; on low-carbon inside RED need to see whether want clarity of whether to maintain it a RES directive and have low-carbon in the decarbonized gas package, or whether rename the RED into a low carbon directive; permitting is crucial and are looking into how to make it better and help MS implement existing rules and become more efficient;

- **Energy Efficiency Directive**

[REDACTED]: points out that the overarching objective should be GHG emissions reduction target. Focus should be on energy intensity, given that decarbonisation of industry can lead to higher energy consumption (especially for heavy industry sectors).

DJJ: significant challenges observed to achieve the EE target. There is an overall policy consideration given that a lower level of priority is given to EE so far. The EED has a solid framework for industry – energy savings obligation, energy audits, reuse of industrial waste heat in the context of the Energy Sector Integration. We are looking how to address the remaining barriers to reaping energy savings potential in industry. In general, we are looking to increase the EE target, linked to the financing instruments in the EU. The revision of the EED should be looked together with the forthcoming EPBD revision.

[REDACTED]: Concerned about setting the target in absolute energy consumption as the GHG emissions reduction target should be the main target. DJJ: sees that it is a complex discussion by pointing that the

overall balance should be retained on focussing how to abate the heavy industry sectors, by making sure that the shift benefits those industry.

- **BusinessEurope views in view of the Public consultation on the gas package:**

■: considers that the hydrogen should be a key focus. Strong coordinating role at EU level is needed. Regulatory predictability, calorific values of the low carbon fuels are needed – key for clarity of production processes.

DJJ: in line with Hydrogen Strategy our objective is the RES/ green hydrogen. The low carbon hydrogen is part of the mix by phasing it out over the time. One of the challenges the Commission has – it is not entirely clear where the market would lead in relation to hydrogen. Risk to overregulate the market and avoiding choices to less cost-effective solutions.

■: asked about energy policy issues in the framework of the forthcoming Transatlantic Summit.