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**Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2021/6013**

Dear Mr Pace,

We refer to your e-mail dated 8 October 2021 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 11 October 2021 under the above-mentioned reference number.

Please accept our apologies for the delay in replying to your request, due to the exceptional workload related to the ‘Delivering the European Green Deal’ legislative package.

You request electronic access to:

*all documents—including but not limited to correspondence, emails, minutes, notes (hand written or electronic), audio or video recordings, verbatim reports, operational conclusions, lines to take, briefings, and presentations—related to any correspondence or meetings between Tudor Constantinescu and Gas Infrastructure Europe or any of its members (listed at [https://urldefense.com/v3/\\_\\_https://www.gie.eu/dna/members/\\_\\_;!!DOxrgLBm!VauUVzx2BjATDH Bpk1SUwlE0toxTLA9ihZPBy0rB0fr5mPq\\_cI2Kdrf1L9hchLuIPtCSg\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://www.gie.eu/dna/members/__;!!DOxrgLBm!VauUVzx2BjATDH Bpk1SUwlE0toxTLA9ihZPBy0rB0fr5mPq_cI2Kdrf1L9hchLuIPtCSg$)) since 1 January 2021.*

The following documents fall within the scope of your application:

	Date	Title
1	26 April 2021 and previous emails	Email: GRTgaz Hydrogen Energy Network (HyENet) meeting May
2	20 october 2021 and	Email: Meeting with GLE

	previous emails	
3	7 January 2021	Conference programme “GIE Annual Conference 2021”
4	October 2021	Preparatory note – GIE Annual Conference
5	April 2021	Conference programme “GIEenergy Days”
6	October 2021	GIE conference – Speakers briefing REMOTE
7	2 June 2021	Email “GIE & Gasunie – hydrogen regulation” with attached <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Pdf file “GIE H2 Position Paper v0333 siglepages”</li> <li>b. Pptx file “02. Gasunie view on H2 market design and regulation v2_NK”</li> </ul>
8	2 June 2021	Report “How to transport and Store Hydrogen – Facts and Figures”

Having examined the documents requested under the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents, I have come to the conclusion that documents 1 to 7 may be partially disclosed. Documents 8 can be fully disclosed. Therefore, some parts of those documents have been blanked out as their disclosure is prevented by an exception to the right of access laid down in Article 4 of this Regulation.

A complete disclosure of documents 1 to 7 is prevented by the exception concerning the protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual outlined in Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, because it contains the following personal data:

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- The names and contact details of other natural persons.

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In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, you are entitled 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:

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or by email to: [sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu)

Yours faithfully,

(e-signed)

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