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Dear Sir,

**Subject: Your application for access to documents –
Ref GestDem No 2022- 1052**

We refer to your e-mail dated 18/02/2022 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 18/02/2022 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request 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 the meeting on 1 February between Commissioner Kadri Simson and any other officials and Gas Infrastructure Europe.

We consider your request to cover documents ranging from 29/11/2021 held up to the date of your application, i.e. 18/02/2022.

Having examined the documents requested under the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents, I would like to inform you that we can release the documents within the scope of your request.

The documents identified are:

Ares	Date	Title
(2021)7290603	26/11/2021	MEETING REQUEST KS open date - with Gas Infrastructure Europe GIE President Torben Brabo
(2022)603601	20/01/2022	follow up [date confirmed 01/02/2022] MEETING KS with Gas Infrastructure Europe
(2022)1056193	01/02/2022	meeting minutes Kadri Simson with GIE
(2022)1056905	07/02/2022	follow up to 01/02/2022 meeting Kadri Simson with GIE - New LNG data
(2022) 2498859	01/02/2022	e-mail exchange between CAB and DG ENER.C.2
Basis (CAB SIMSON/850)	20/01/2022	Meeting with Mr. Brabo, GIE President on Hydrogen and Decarbonised Gas Package, FF55 and high energy prices

Video recordings are accessible to the following links:

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Please note that the minutes of the meeting were drawn up for internal use under the responsibility of the relevant officials of the Directorate-General for Energy. It solely reflects the author's interpretation of the interventions made and does not set out any official position of the third parties to which the document refers, which was not

consulted on its content. It does not reflect the position of the Commission and cannot be quoted as such.

Some parts of the documents enclosed have been withheld as its disclosure is prevented by exceptions concerning the protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual pursuant to Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, because it contains the following personal data:

- the names/initials and contact information of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management;
- the names/initials and contact details of other natural persons;
- handwritten signatures/abbreviated signatures of natural persons;
- other information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person [email address].

Please note that part of the briefing (defensives) (Basis (CAB SIMSON/850) cannot be disclosed based on the exception of Art. 4(3) of the Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to document. The information in the defensives is internal information to be shared exclusively with the Commissioner and cabinet, on a need to know basis, to be used only if needed, as it directly relates to the Commission non-final position on the Hydrogen and Gas Market Decarbonisation Package proposal, which is currently under negotiation in the European Parliament and the Council. Such information cannot be disclosed to the external participants, nor was it discussed or disclosed to Gas Infrastructure Europe during the meeting. Therefore, a disclosure of this information would undermine the ongoing decision-making process on the legislative proposal, by sharing the internal and non-final views of the Commission at a time when these might still change.

Following the requirement of Art. 4(6) the briefing will be partially disclosed, and only the parts covered by the exception of Art. 4(3) (defensives) will be redacted.

Please note that your application concerns documents that originate from Third parties. For that reason, under the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents¹, and the attachment requested under the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents, we have consulted the concerned Organization.

¹ Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents. *OJ L 145*, 31.5.2001

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Yours sincerely,

(e-signed)

Ditte Juul Jørgensen
Director-General

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Annexes:

1. List of documents covered by the request.
2. Regulation No 1049/2001 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents.