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**Subject: Your confirmatory application for access to documents under  
Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 - GESTDEM 2022/5857**

Dear Mr Barnaby Pace,

I am writing in reference to your letter of 20 December 2022, registered on 21 December 2022, by which you lodge a confirmatory application in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents<sup>1</sup> (hereafter Regulation 1049/2001).

I also refer to our holding reply dated 20 January 2023, by which the time limit for replying to your confirmatory request was extended by 15 working days, pursuant to Article 8(2) of the Regulation. This extended time limit expires on 10 February 2023.

Unfortunately, we are not yet in a position to provide you with our final position within this deadline given the delay took with our service consultation with the Directorate General for Energy concerning your request. Following this consultation, the draft confirmatory decision needs to be reviewed by the Commission's Legal Service, after which it will be formally adopted within the Secretariat-General and sent to you. However, I can assure you that we are doing our utmost to provide you with a final reply within the next two or three weeks. I regret this additional delay and sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Yours sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L145, 31.05.2001 p.43