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Subject: Steering Group Participation: Quo Vadis EU study on gas market regulatory framework

Dear ,

In your letter sent 21st December 2016 (Ref: 16GIE093), GIE requested to become member of the Steering Committee for the study "Quo Vadis EU gas market regulatory framework".

First of all, let me express my gratitude to GIE's offer to share its expertise with the consultant. The Commission is keen to gather stakeholder observations while the study is being conducted. Two workshops are planned to ensure this objective. Inviting all interested stakeholders to the Steering Committee is, however, not possible as the study attracts a lot of interest. Since the Steering Committee needs to be manageable in size to ensure a proper functioning and due to non-discrimination efforts, the decision was taken not to invite any non-Commission staff to the Steering Committee.

I am nevertheless looking forward to GIE providing constructive input during the planned stakeholder workshops as well as in interaction with my services on a bilateral basis.

Yours sincerely,



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