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Dear Madam,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2020/4573

We refer to your e-mail dated 24/07/2020 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 27/07/2020 under the above mentioned reference number.

You request access to:

- all correspondence (including email) between 1st December 2019 and 12 July 2020 between Commissioner Simson, and/or her cabinets and/or officials from DG ENER on one hand and representatives from IOGP, Shell, Total, BP, Equinor, ZEP, the Global CCS Institute, Hydrogen Europe, the Hydrogen Council, Business Europe, the European Roundtable for Industry, GasNaturally, Eurogás, ENTSO-G, Snam, Enagás, Fluxys, Open Grid Europe, GRTGaz, Teréga, Eurofer, ArcelorMittal, FTI Consulting, Fleishman Hillard, Alstom, Engie, Air Liquide, Toyota, Gas for Climate consortium, Gas Infrastructure Europe on the other, in which the revision of TEN-E was addressed.
- List of meetings between 1st December 2019 and 12 July 2020 between officials and representatives of DG ENER on one hand and representatives from IOGP, Shell, Total, BP, Equinor, ZEP, the Global CCS Institute, Hydrogen Europe, the Hydrogen Council, Business Europe, the European Roundtable for Industry, GasNaturally, Eurogás, ENTSO-G, Snam, Enagás, Fluxys, Open Grid Europe, GRTGaz, Teréga, Eurofer, ArcelorMittal, FTI Consulting, Fleishman Hillard, Alstom, Engie, Air Liquide, Toyota, Gas for Climate consortium, Gas

Infrastructure Europe on the other, in which the revision of TEN-E was addressed.

- Minutes of the meetings mentioned above.

We consider your request to cover documents ranging from 1 December 2019 to 12 July 2020. Your application concerns the documents listed in Annex.

Having examined the documents and the attachment requested under the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents, I have come to the conclusion that they can be disclosed.

Please note that Ares(2020)4003761, Ares(2020)400890, Ares(2020)4003345, Ares (2020)3066688, Ares(2020)4076999, Ares(2020)4524660, Ares(2020)4633752 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.

Please note that the Commission also received feedback from the stakeholders mentioned in the scope of your request during the consultation on the inception impact assessment/ Roadmap on the revision of the Guidelines on the Trans-European energy networks. The feedback is accessible at the following link:

https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12382-Revision-of-the-guidelines-for-trans-European-Energy-infrastructure/feedback?p_id=7857366

Some parts of the documents and e-mail enclosed have been withheld as their 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].

Yours sincerely,

Joachim Balke *e-signed*

Enclosure: copy of the documents and e-mails requested

c.c.: ENER ACCES DOCUMENTS