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**Subject: Your confirmatory application for access to documents under
Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 - GESTDEM 2021/3657**

Dear Mr Pace,

I refer to your e-mail of 23 July 2021, registered on the same day, by which you submit a confirmatory application in accordance with Article 7(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents¹ (hereafter ‘Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001’).

Your confirmatory application was submitted in relation to your initial application of 3 June 2021 in which you requested, I quote:

‘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 May 27 between Thor-Sten Vertmann and Fortum Oyj, Statkraft AS and Vattenfall.’

The initial request was assigned to the Directorate-General for Energy. As you did not receive an initial reply from that Directorate-General within the statutory time limits, you submitted a confirmatory application on 23 July 2021.

¹ OJ L 145 of 31.5.2001, p. 43.

In the meantime, the initial reply in question was sent to you on 5 January 2022 (under reference number Ares(2022)70520).

Against this background, the Secretariat-General will close your confirmatory application related to the lack of initial reply.

You remain entitled to submit a new confirmatory application in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, should you wish to request a review of the initial reply of 5 January 2022.

Yours sincerely,

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Head of Unit