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*By registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt*

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Dear Mr. Collins,

**Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2018/3218**

We refer to your e-mail dated 06/06/2018 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 13/06/2018 under the above mentioned reference number.

You request access to:

1. All correspondence, including emails, sent and received since 01/05/2017, between the Commissioner for the Energy Union Maroš Šefčovič, his cabinet, his officials, any other representatives of DG Energy, and representatives from BP.

2. All documentation (including but not limited to all email correspondence, attendance lists, agendas, background papers, and minutes/notes) relating to the meetings between BP and Director-General Dominique Ristori on:

- a. 08/01/2018,
- b. 12/05/2017.

I consider your request to cover documents held up to the date of your initial application, i.e. 6 June 2018.

Please note that due to the wide scope of your request, covering also areas falling under the responsibility of other Directorates-General, parts of your request have been attributed to other Directorates-General<sup>1</sup>. This reply relates only to the documents held by DG Energy. You received the replies from the other respective Directorates-General in due course.

Your application concerns the following documents:

- Ares(2018)1062845 – Email BP to Mr. Dominique Ristori,
- Ares(2018)1062845 – Letter BP to Mr. Dominique Ristori,
- Ares(2018)1377492 - Answer Mr. Dominique Ristori to BP,
- Correspondence regarding the meetings between BP and Mr. Dominique Ristori.

The documents to which you have requested access contain personal data, in particular names, phone numbers and email addresses.

Pursuant to Article 4(1) (b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, access to a document has to be refused if its disclosure would undermine the protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual, in particular in accordance with Union legislation regarding the protection of personal data. The applicable legislation in this field is Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data<sup>2</sup>.

When access is requested to documents containing personal data, Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 becomes fully applicable<sup>3</sup>.

According to Article 8(b) of this Regulation, personal data shall only be transferred to recipients if they establish the necessity of having the data transferred to them and if there is no reason to assume that the legitimate rights of the persons concerned might be prejudiced.

We consider that, with the information available, the necessity of disclosing the aforementioned personal data to you has not been established and/or that it cannot be assumed that such disclosure would not prejudice the legitimate rights of the persons concerned. Therefore, we are disclosing a version of the documents requested in which these personal data have been redacted.

In case you would disagree with the assessment that the redacted data are personal data which can only be disclosed if such disclosure is legitimate under the applicable rules on the protection of personal data, you are entitled, in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001, to make a confirmatory application requesting the Commission to review this position.

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<sup>1</sup> Ref. Gestdem 2018/3219 – DG SG

<sup>2</sup> Official Journal L 8 of 12.1.2001, p. 1

<sup>3</sup> Judgment of the Court of Justice of the EU of 29 June 2010 in case 28/08 P, *Commission/The Bavarian Lager Co. Ltd*, ECR 2010 I-06055.

Such a confirmatory application should be addressed within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter to the Secretary-General of the Commission at the following address:

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Secretary-General  
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Yours faithfully,



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