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Subject: Your application for access to documents – ATD 2023/3839

Dear Ms Dadci,

We refer to your request for access to documents, registered on 4 July 2023 under reference number 2023/3839.

You request access to:

- Copies of correspondence (emails) and details of meetings (internal Commission briefing notes, agendas, minutes) between Kadri Simson, (and / or her team); Ditte Juul Jørgensen (and / or her private secretary); and /or Matthew Baldwin and / and / or Cristina Lobillo Borrero, with: Amos Hochstein, US Senior Advisor for Energy Security; Senior officials from the US State Department; Senior executives from Cheniere, EQT, MiQ, and or Project Canary; Concerning energy security, US / EU energy cooperation and US LNG exports to the EU, including “responsibly sourced” or “certified gas” from 1st March 2022 until today;

The following documents fall within the scope of your application:

#	Ares/BASIS reference	Date	Title
1	Ares(2023)5646188	06.03.2023	Readout: Meeting DG Ditte Juul Jørgensen with Cheniere
2	Ares(2023)5645040	06.03.2023	Readout: Meeting DG Ditte Juul Jørgensen with Amos Hochstein
3	Ares(2023)6088056	06.03.2023	Readout: Meeting DG Ditte Juul Jørgensen with ENI
4	Ares(2023)5650581	06.03.2023	Readout: Meeting DG Ditte Juul Jørgensen with Geoffrey R Pyatt
5	Ares(2023)6086850	31.05.2023	Meeting Director Cristina Lobillo Borrero with Geoffrey R Pyatt

6	Ares(2023)7576327	23.05.2022	Briefing: Commissioner with US Ambassador
7	Ares(2023)7576027	08.11.2023	Email: US Ambassador to Cabinet of Commissioner Simson
8	Ares(2023)3615854	23.05.2023	MEETING REQUEST KS 14-16/06/2023 Brussels BE - Meeting with U.S. LNG coalition
9	Ares(2023)3228787	20.04.2023	Email: PAGE to Cabinet of Commissioner Simson
10	Ares(2023)7992417	16.06.2023	Readout: Meeting Commissioner Simson with PAGE
11	Ares(2022)4748788	29.06.2022	Email: Project Canary with Cabinet of Commissioner Simson
12	Ares(2023)7278742	06.06.2023	Email: Response from Cabinet of Commissioner Simson to PAGE
13	Ares(2023)4322888	24.05.2023	Readout: Cabinet of Commissioner Simson with PAGE
14	Ares(2023)3229234	08.05.2023.	[Re] MEETING REQUEST HH [open date] Brussels BE - Meeting with an alliance of LNG producers and infrastructure owners from the US – PAGE - MEETING WITH HH & ENER OFFERED
15	ENER/7032	06.03.2023	Briefing: Meeting DG Ditte Juul Jørgensen with Cheniere
16	Update of ENER/6627	02.06.2022	Briefing: Meeting DG Ditte Juul Jørgensen with U.S. LNG companies
17	ENER/6722	05.07.2022	Briefing: Meeting DG Ditte Juul Jørgensen with Cheniere
18	ENER/6902	04.11.2022	Briefing: Meeting DG Ditte Juul Jørgensen with Cheniere

Having examined the documents requested in light of the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents, I have concluded that documents 1 to 14 listed above may be partially disclosed.

A complete disclosure of the documents 1 to 14 is prevented by the exception concerning the protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual outlined in Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, because they contain 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.

Article 9(1)(b) of the Data Protection Regulation does not allow the transmission of these personal data, except if you prove that it is necessary to have the data transmitted to you for a specific purpose in the public interest and where there is no reason to assume that the legitimate interests of the data subject might be prejudiced. In your request, you do not express any particular interest to have access to these personal data nor do you put forward any arguments to establish the necessity to have the data transmitted for a specific purpose

in the public interest. Consequently, I conclude that, pursuant to Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, access cannot be granted to the personal data contained in the requested documents, as the need to obtain access thereto for a purpose in the public interest has not been substantiated and there is no reason to think that the legitimate interests of the individuals concerned would not be prejudiced by disclosure of the personal data concerned.

In addition, a complete disclosure of document 15 to 18 is prevented by Article 4(1)(a) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 concerning the protection of the public interest as regards international relations within the meaning of the said article.

Please note that documents originating from third parties, which have been consulted, are disclosed to you based on Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001. However, this disclosure is without prejudice to the rules on intellectual property, which may limit your right to reproduce or exploit the released documents without the agreement of the originator, who may hold an intellectual property right on them. The European Commission does not assume any responsibility from their reuse.

As a result, please find enclosed redacted copies of the documents that can be released.

In case you would disagree with this position, you are entitled, in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, to submit a confirmatory application requesting the Commission to review this position. Such a confirmatory application should be addressed within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter to the Secretariat-General of the Commission at the following address:

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Unit C.1. 'Transparency, Document Management and Access to Documents'
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Yours sincerely,

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